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**Tuesday, October 6.**

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**Wednesday, October 7.**

2:00 P. M.—Missionary Sermon—J. B. Dibble.

3:00 P. M.—Freedmen's Aid Anniversary—The Rev. A. E. Buriff, Ph.D., presiding.

Address—The Rev. J. M. Cox, D.D.

4:00 P. M.—Evangelistic hour conducted by The Rev. John F. Harmon, D.D., President McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.

7:30 P. M.—Board of Home Missions and Church Extension Anniversary—The Rev. J. A. Edwards, D.D., presiding.

Address—The Rev. A. G. Kynett, D.D., Recording and Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

8:45 P. M.—Conference Claimants Anniversary—The Rev. E. E. Hunt, presiding.

Address—The Rev. E. C. Clemans, D.D., Assistant Corresponding Secretary Board of Conference Claimants.

**Thursday, October 8.**

3:00 P. M.—Deaconess Anniversary—The Rev. R. G. Minkler, presiding.

Address—Miss Robertson, Corresponding Secretary Methodist Deaconess Association.

4:00 P. M.—The Evangelistic Hour conducted by Dr. Harmon.

7:30 P. M.—Popular Lecture—L. B. Wickersham.

**Friday, October 9.**

2:00 P. M.—Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, presiding.

4:00 P. M.—The Evangelistic Hour conducted by Dr. Harmon.

7:30 P. M.—Laymen's Evening.

Address—Hon. Ludwig Arctander, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Saturday, October 10.**

2:00 P. M.—Woman's Home Missionary Society Anniversary—Mrs. W. S. Shepherd, presiding.

Address—Mrs. D. B. Street, Secretary Deaconess Department, Woman's Home Missionary Society.

4:00 P. M.—The Evangelistic Hour conducted by Dr. Harmon.

7:30 P. M.—Educational Anniversary—The Rev. W. G. Seaman, presiding.

Address—The Rev. Thomas Nicholson, D.D., LL.D., Corresponding Secretary Board of Education.

**Sunday, October 11.**

9:00 A. M.—Conference Love Feast conducted by the Rev. M. E. Nickerson.

10:30 A. M.—Sermon by Bishop Naphtali Luccock.

3:00 P. M.—Ordination Service.

4:00 P. M.—Evangelistic Hour conducted by Dr. Harmon.

7:30 P. M.—Anniversary of the Board of Foreign Missions—The Rev. J. M. Tibbetts, presiding.

Address—The Rev. James E. Crowther, D.D., Secretary Department of Income Board of Foreign Missions.

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reserve

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W. H. Jordan, Sioux Falls, reserve  
F. A. Burdick, Aberdeen, reserve

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E. T. Langley, Huron  
D. W. Diggs, Milbank, reserve  
T. W. P. Lee, Ashton, reserve

**1896**

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J. S. Akers, Aberdeen, reserve

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R. N. Kratz, Mitchell  
A. B. Van Camp, Highmore, reserve  
Mrs. A. M. Pickler, Faulkton, re-  
serve

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 Gurney, J. T., Nowlin  
 Habgood, M. T., White Rock  
 Hager, C. E., Kennebec  
 Hargett, I. M., Wessington Springs  
 Harkness, J. S., Aberdeen  
 Harrold, C. B., Mitchell  
 Hartt, Albert, Lead  
 Hartung, W. E., Spearfish  
 Hoagland, J. S., Mitchell  
 Hocking, A. E., Highmore  
 Holgate, Ernest, Redfield  
 Holmes, E. E., Waubay  
 Hoyer, A. J., Egan  
 Hughes, R. B., White Lake  
 Hunter, J. M., Webster  
 Hunt, E. E., Salem  
 Hyde, O. M., Plankinton  
 Jackson, O. P., Harrisburg  
 Janes, A. P., Dell Rapids  
 Jenkins, J. P., Mitchell  
 Johnson, N. P., Gettysburg  
 Kaye, John, Scotland  
 Kearton, J. H., Miller  
 Kenderdine, Percy, Desmet  
 Lane, L. L., Mitchell  
 Lawson, P. J., Edgemont  
 Layne, L. L., Andover  
 Lee, Harry, Carpenter  
 Lewis, F. F., Watertown  
 Lott, A. M., Frederick  
 Loveall, A. S., Howard  
 Lucas, J. W., Dallas  
 Machemer, E. O., Pierre  
 MacLean, A. C., Britton  
 Matteson, C. E., Rapid City  
 Matthews, G. T., Presho  
 Minkler, R. G., Garden City  
 Morrison, F. E., Milbank  
 Minish, Homer, Rapid City  
 McBeth, P. H., Mitchell  
 McEldowney, B. W., Geddes  
 McDonald, L. A., Wakonda  
 McKinney, J. E., Ashton  
 McReynolds, R. C., Weta  
 Nicholson, T., New York  
 Nickerson, M. E., White  
 Notson, G. T., Mitchell  
 Oakley, J. N., St. Lawrence  
 Ozanne, H. G., Hazel  
 Page, F. C., Mellette  
 Potter, I. P., Artesian  
 Potter, J. W., Sioux Falls, S. D.  
 Rawlinson, Fred, Gary  
 Ray, F. H., Henry  
 Redfield, W. O., Tripp  
 Redmayne, E., Corona  
 Rice, H. E., Gayville  
 Rosenberry, G. W., Sioux Falls  
 Saxton, E. E., Canistota  
 Seaman, W. G., Mitchell  
 Seaton, J. L.  
 Shearer, R. C., Sisseton  
 Shepherd, W. S., Mitchell  
 Shurtleff, S. H., Tyndall  
 Slocum, W. P., Hurley  
 Smith, J. T. B., Wagner  
 Spitz, S. F., Chamberlain  
 Stiles, B. F., Wessington  
 Stevens, J. D., Colton  
 Tanner, Frank, Chester  
 Tarleton, R. E., Arlington  
 Taylor, O. W., Aberdeen  
 Thomas, Martin, Salt Lake City,  
     Utah  
 Thurston, A. W., Canton

Tibbetts, J. M., Deadwood  
 Trevithick, T. H., Iroquois  
 Vernon, E. E.  
 Walsh, J. L., Lane  
 Ward, A. M., Seneca

Weston, P. H., Bruce  
 Wier, Samuel, Indianola, Ia.  
 Wilber, T. B., Flandreau  
 Wilcox, C. E., Faulkton  
 Wilson, A. L., Elkton

#### Supernumerary Members

Crisp, M. R., Webster  
 Evans, J. D., Alpena  
 Douglass, W. J., Wilmarth, Fla.  
 Greene, W. A.  
 Kratz, R. N., Sterling, O.

Norvell, J. E., Hamilton, Colo.  
 Payne, J. R., Joseph, Ore.  
 Stebbins, C. M., Morrisville, Vt.  
 Wood, John  
 Waltz, J. W., Long Beach, Cal.

#### Retired Members

Chamberlain, D. W., Scotland  
 Corwin, G. J., Centerville  
 Clark, C. B., Hot Springs  
 Deeble, W. D., Conde  
 Dean, E. E., Huron  
 Gram, W. O., Bath  
 Graham, W. I., Denver, Colo.  
 Hall, J. G., Holtville, Cal.  
 Hartsough, Lewis, Mount Vernon, Ia.

Jamison, Archibald, Correctionville,  
 Ia.  
 Phillips, O. A., Mitchell  
 Rifenbark, Duane, Big Stone City  
 Simmons, Thos. Faulkton  
 Tanner, A. E., Mitchell  
 Willey, J. A.  
 Youngman, T. H., Canon City, Colo.

#### Probationers

Arms, C. D., Hudson. First year.  
 Campbell, A. G., Newell. First  
 year.  
 Christianson, Nels, in school. First  
 year.  
 Cooney, E. B., Bradley. First year.  
 Evans, W. H., in school. First  
 year.  
 Hartley, J. W., Plainview. Second  
 year.  
 Hauser, S. P., Boston, Mass. First  
 year. \*Deacon, 1914.  
 Langdon, C. W., Junius. First year.  
 Deacon, 1914.  
 Lovett, E. F., Roswell. Second  
 year.  
 Lowrie, S. B., Elk Point. First  
 year. Deacon, 1914.

Marble, S. W., Hitchcock. Second  
 year.  
 McClarinon, W. J., White Lake.  
 First year.  
 McDonald, C. E., Esmond. Second  
 year.  
 Nash, H. B., Rockham. First year.  
 Prescott, E. E., Springfield. First  
 year. Deacon, 1914.  
 Ratcliffe, T., Oldham. Second year.  
 Rifenbark, O. W., Colman. First  
 year.  
 Rowden, W. S., Davis. First year.  
 Elder, 1913.  
 Weirauch, C. M., Midland. Sec-  
 ond year.  
 \* Scott P. Hauser's ordination was  
 authorized.

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## RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP

- Bassett, T. S.*, transferred from Northwest Iowa, October, 1914.
- Beardsley, A. H.*, entered itinerancy 1910, probation 1911, full member 1914.
- Bennett, E. A.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1908, transferred to Dakota 1912.
- Black, W. A.*, entered itinerancy Troy 1881, probation 1882, full member 1884, transferred to Dakota 1912.
- Book, G. H.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1912, full member 1914.
- Boslaugh, C. C.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1904, probation 1905, full member 1907.
- Boyce, O. E.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1902.
- Brethorst, P. V.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1910, probation 1911, full member 1913.
- Bromaghim, F. L.*, probation Dakota 1891, full member 1895.
- Brown, G. D.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1892, probation 1895, full member 1897.
- Brown, S. E.*, entered itinerancy Des Moines 1888, transferred to Dakota 1909.
- Bruce, R. A.*, entered itinerancy Missouri 1901, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1911.
- Bunt, P. O.*, probation Dakota 1900, full member 1902.
- Bunton, H. W.*, transferred from Kentucky 1914.
- Buriff, A. E.*, entered itinerancy Iowa Conference, transferred to Dakota 1909.
- Butterfield, O. W.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1901, transferred to Dakota 1902, full member 1903.
- Calfee, W. J.*, entered itinerancy Nebraska 1889, transferred to Dakota 1898, to Nebraska 1900, to Dakota 1906.
- Carhart, A. E.*, probation Dakota 1890, full member 1892.
- Case, H. L.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1892, probation 1893, full member 1895, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Clark, C. B.*, entered itinerancy Iowa 1864, full member 1866, transferred to Dakota 1886, retired 1914.
- Corwin, G. J.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1881, probation 1883, full member 1886, supernumerary 1906, retired 1908.
- Crowther, J. E.*, entered itinerancy 1901, probation 1902, full member 1904.
- Crisp, M. R.*, entered itinerancy Nebraska, transferred to Dakota 1910, supernumerary 1913.
- Chamberlain, D. W.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1872, full member 1875, to Dakota Mission 1875, retired 1887.
- Darling, L. W.*, entered itinerancy Minnesota 1896, probation 1906, full member 1911.
- Davies, Thos.*, entered itinerancy 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912.
- Dean, E. E.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1889, probation 1893, full member 1896, supernumerary 1909, retired 1912.
- Deeble, W. D.*, probation Dakota 1886, full member 1888, retired 1913.

- Dennison, C. B.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1911, probation 1912, full member 1914.
- Deller, W. N.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1910, full member 1913.
- Dibble, J. B.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1886, probation 1888, full member 1890.
- Dobson, J. O.**, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1883, full member 1885, transferred to Dakota 1892.
- Douglass, W. J.**, entered itinerancy West Nebraska 1903, transferred to Dakota 1908, supernumerary 1912.
- Dunn, F. B.**, entered itinerancy Des Moines 1885, full member 1888, transferred to Dakota 1904.
- Eberhart, H. P.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1905, full member 1907.
- Ebert, J. H.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1912, full member 1912.
- Edwards, J. A.**, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa, transferred to Dakota from Black Hills Mission 1913.
- Egner, G. D.**, entered itinerancy Northwest Nebraska 1904, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1908.
- Ellis, J. S.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912.
- Evans, J. D.**, entered itinerancy Holston, transferred to Dakota 1911, supernumerary 1911.
- Faith, F. M.**, entered itinerancy Nebraska 1900, probation Black Hills Mission 1901, full member Nebraska 1903, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Fanebust, Nels**, entered itinerancy 1905, probationer 1905, full member 1911.
- Ferguson, W. T.**, entered itinerancy St. Louis 1898, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota 1908.
- Fish, E. J.**, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1896, joined Free Methodists 1902, transferred to Black Hills Mission 1910, full member Northwest Nebraska 1911, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Franklin, J. F.**, entered itinerancy Minnesota 1902, full member West Wisconsin 1907, transferred to Dakota 1910.
- Gage, G. N.**, entered itinerancy Erie 1896, full member 1900, located 1908, readmitted to Dakota 1912.
- Gale, W. E.**, entered itinerancy Northern New York 1895, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1908.
- Gardner, Paul**, probation Des Moines 1898, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1905.
- Gibson, J. F.**, entered itinerancy 1888, transferred to Dakota 1911.
- Gilliland, C. V.**, entered itinerancy Iowa 1897, full member 1900, transferred to Dakota 1905.
- Greene, W. A.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897, supernumerary 1898, effective 1902, supernumerary 1914.
- Graf, C. H.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1909.
- Graham, W. I.**, entered itinerancy 1876, transferred to Dakota 1897, retired 1913.
- Gram, W. O.**, entered itinerancy 1890, probation 1891, full member 1893, supernumerary 1899, retired 1901.

- Gurney, J. T.*, entered itinerancy Detroit 1893, transferred to Dakota 1896, full member 1896.
- Habgood, M. T.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911.
- Hager, C. E.*, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1876, Dakota Mission 1883, charter member.
- Hall, J. G.*, entered itinerancy Ohio 1879, transferred to Dakota 1886, retired 1899.
- Hargett, I. M.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1902, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1910.
- Harkness, J. S.*, entered itinerancy Wesleyan Church 1889, entered Dakota Conference on credentials 1904.
- Harrold, C. B.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full membership 1911.
- Hartsough, Lewis*, entered Oneida 1851, charter member Dakota, retired 1892.
- Hartt, Albert*, entered itinerancy East Maine 1901, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota 1909.
- Hartung, W. E.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probationer 1906, full member 1909.
- Hoagland, J. S.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1892, full member 1894, transferred to Dakota 1909.
- Hocking, A. E.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1909.
- Holgate, Ernest*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1904, full member 1907.
- Holmes, E. E.*, entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1904, transferred to Dakota 1904.
- Hoyer, A. J.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911.
- Hughes, R. B.*, entered itinerancy Black Hills 1897, full member Des Moines 1902, transferred to Dakota 1906.
- Hunter, J. M.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1908.
- Hunt, E. E.*, entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Dakota 1908, to Illinois 1909, to Dakota 1911.
- Hyde, O. M.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1903.
- Jackson, O. P.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1910, full member 1912.
- Jamison, Archibald*, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1870, full member 1872, charter member Dakota, retired 1905.
- Janes, A. P.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1888, full member 1890.
- Jenkins, J. P.*, entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1883, probationer Dakota 1885, full member 1887.
- Kratz, R. N.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1897, probationer 1907, full member 1909, supernumerary 1913.
- Kaye, John*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1893, probation 1895, full member 1897.
- Kearton, J. H.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1903, full member 1905.
- Kenderdine, Percy*, entered itinerancy Minnesota 1908, probation 1909, full member 1911, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Lawson, P. J.*, entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1901, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Lane, L. L.*, entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, probation 1896, full member 1899.

- Layne, L. L.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, full member 1907.
- Lee, Harry**, entered itinerancy East Maine 1901, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Lewis, F. F.**, entered itinerancy Indiana 1905, full member 1907, transferred to Dakota 1912.
- Lott, A. M.**, entered itinerancy Northwest Kansas 1886, full member 1889, transferred to Dakota 1912.
- Loveall, A. S.**, entered itinerancy West Virginia 1880, full member 1882, transferred to Dakota 1905.
- Lucas, J. W.**, entered Dakota itinerancy 1890, full member 1892, located 1905, readmitted 1907.
- Machemer, E. O.**, entered itinerancy Rock River 1900, probation Dakota 1904, full member 1907.
- MacLean, A. C.**, entered itinerancy 1900, probation 1902, full member 1904.
- Matteson, C. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, full member 1892, transferred to Northwest Iowa 1902, transferred to Dakota 1912.
- Matthews, G. T.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, probation 1908, full member 1910.
- Minkler, R. G.**, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1905, full member 1908, transferred to Dakota 1911.
- McBeth, P. H.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1901, full member 1903.
- McEldowney, B. W.**, entered itinerancy Des Moines 1900, transferred to Dakota 1901, full member 1902.
- McDonald, L. A.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, probationer 1906, full member 1912.
- McKinney, J. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, transferred to North Dakota 1904, full member 1905, transferred to Dakota 1910.
- McReynolds, R. C.**, entered itinerancy Northwest Indiana 1885, full member North Nebraska 1888, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Minish, Homer**, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1904, full member New York East 1909, transferred to Dakota 1913.
- Morrison, F. E.**, entered itinerancy Iowa 1904, full member 1906, transferred to Dakota 1910.
- Nicholson, Thos.**, entered itinerancy Michigan 1884, probation 1885, full member 1887, transferred to Dakota 1903.
- Nickerson, M. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1883, full member Northwest Iowa 1885, charter member Dakota.
- Notson, G. T.**, entered itinerancy Des Moines 1890, full member 1893, transferred to Dakota 1894.
- Norvell, J. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota Mission 1883, charter member 1885, supernumerary 1912.
- Oakley, J. N.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1902, probation 1908, full member 1910.
- Ozanne, H. G.**, missionary South India 1900, full member North India 1906, transferred to Dakota 1907.
- Page, F. C.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, probation 1907, full member 1911.
- Payne, J. R.**, entered itinerancy Iowa, transferred to Dakota 1906, supernumerary 1910.

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- Potter, I. P.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897.
- Potter, J. W.**, entered itinerancy Iowa 1887, full member 1891, transferred to Dakota 1911.
- Phillips, O. A.**, entered itinerancy United Brethren 1863, charter member Dakota, retired.
- Rawlinson, Fred**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, probation 1908, full member 1910.
- Ray, Fred**, entered itinerancy North Nebraska 1899, transferred to Dakota 1907, full member 1908.
- Redfield, W. O.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1887, probation 1888, full member 1889.
- Redmayne, Ernest**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1912, full member 1913.
- Rice, H. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1910, full member 1913.
- Rifenbark, Duane**, entered Dakota Mission 1881, charter member Dakota, retired 1911.
- Rosenberry, G. W.**, entered itinerancy Central New York 1893, full member 1895, transferred to Dakota 1901.
- Saxton, E. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, full member 1903.
- Seaman, W. G.**, North Indiana 1888, full member New England 1896, transferred to Dakota 1912.
- Shearer, R. C.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, full member 1908.
- Shepherd, W. S.**, entered itinerancy 1895, probation 1896, full member 1898.
- Shurtliff, S. H.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1898, probation 1903, full member 1905.
- Simmons, Thos.**, entered itinerancy Upper Iowa 1873, full member 1875, charter member Dakota, retired 1912.
- Slocum, W. P.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1899, probation 1900, full member 1902, transferred to Nebraska 1909, transferred to Dakota 1914.
- Smith, J. T. B.**, entered itinerancy Northern Minnesota 1897, full member 1889, transferred to Dakota 1911.
- Spitz, S. F.**, entered itinerancy North Indiana 1894, full member 1896, transferred to Dakota 1906.
- Stebbins, C. M.**, entered itinerancy 1889, transferred to Dakota 1906, supernumerary 1913.
- Stevens, J. D.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1905, probation 1907, full member 1910.
- Stiles, B. F.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1900, full member 1903, located 1908, readmitted 1913.
- Tanner, A. E.**, entered itinerancy Genesee 1881, transferred to Dakota 1885, supernumerary 1902, retired 1907.
- Tanner, Frank**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1907, full member 1913.
- Tarleton, R. E.**, entered itinerancy New York, full member Dakota 1905.
- Taylor, O. W.**, entered itinerancy Minnesota 1892, transferred to Dakota 1911.
- Thomas, Martin**, Black Hills Mission 1899, full member Dakota 1901.
- Thurston, A. W.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1895, full member 1897.
- Tibbetts, J. M.**, entered itinerancy Northwest Iowa 1895, full member 1899, transferred to Dakota 1906.

- Trevithick, T. H.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1888, full member 1892, transferred to Upper Iowa 1895, transferred to Dakota 1905.
- Vernon, E. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911.
- Walsh, J. L.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, full member 1911.
- Waltz, J. W.**, transferred to Dakota Conference 1913, supernumerary 1914.
- Ward, A. M.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1890, probation 1892, full member 1905, supernumerary 1909, effective 1914.
- Weston, P. H.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1901, full member 1907.
- Wier, Samuel**, Rock River 1887, transferred to Dakota 1910.
- Wilber, T. B.**, probation Northwest Indiana 1901, full member 1903, transferred to Dakota from St. John's River Conference 1910.
- Wilcox, C. E.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, full member 1908.
- Willey, J. A.**, entered itinerancy West Wisconsin 1883, full member 1885, transferred to Dakota 1908, retired 1914.
- Wilson, A. L.**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1909, probation 1911, full member 1914.
- Wood, John**, entered itinerancy Dakota 1906, probation 1907, full member 1909, supernumerary 1914.
- Youngman**, entered itinerancy Oneida 1865, full member 1867, transferred to Dakota 1891, retired.

**THIRTIETH SESSION****MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS****Aberdeen District**

Ashton .....	\$ 150	Mellette .....	\$ 200
Bristol .....	100	Northville .....	100
Bowdle .....	150	Rockham .....	100
Cheney .....	200	Seneca .....	180
Corona .....	100	Summit .....	100
Cresbard .....	200	Selby .....	200
Devoe .....	200	Timber Lake .....	300
Frederick .....	100	Westport .....	200
Gettysburg .....	200	Waubay .....	100
Hecla .....	100	New Work .....	220
Langford .....	100		
Leola .....	200		
			<u>\$3,500</u>

**Mitchell District**

Colome .....	\$ 210	Letcher .....	\$ 140
Dallas .....	200	Paxton Circuit .....	100
Gregory .....	100	Virgil .....	100
Iona and Hamil .....	290	Winner .....	275
Herrick and St. Charles .....	230	New Work .....	100
Kimball .....	100		
Lakeview Circuit .....	250		<u>\$2,095</u>

**Rapid City District**

Belle Fourche .....	\$ 200	Phillip and Quinn .....	\$ 250
Boneita Springs .....	300	Plainview .....	300
Caputa and Creston .....	250	Sturgis .....	150
Custer .....	200	Sturgis Circuit .....	300
Harding .....	200	Vivian and Presho .....	210
Kennebec .....	300	Wall and Wasta .....	250
Midland and Hayes.....	200	Terry .....	200
Murdo .....	200	Terraville .....	200
Nowlin and Capa .....	300	Weta Interior .....	250
Newell .....	300	Whitewood .....	300
Oelrichs .....	200	District .....	1,100
Oral .....	200		
Piedmont .....	250		<u>\$6,610</u>

**Watertown District**

<b>Sioux Falls District</b>			
Alcester .....	\$ 100	Bruce .....	\$ 100
Centerville .....	200	Clear Lake .....	100
Colton .....	50	DeSmet .....	150
Garretson .....	50	Elkton .....	100
Chester .....	150	Castlewood .....	100
Hudson .....	70	Harrold .....	100
Lennox .....	100	Oldham .....	100
Montrose .....	50	St. Lawrence .....	100
Jordan .....	200	Wessington .....	100
New Work .....	180	Broadland .....	100
		New Work .....	<u>250</u>
	<u>\$1,150</u>		<u>\$1,300</u>

**RULES OF EXAMINATION BY THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS**

**Members of the Board**

<i>Chairman</i> .....	A. E. Buriff, Huron, S. D.
<i>Vice-Chairman</i> .....	C. V. Gilliland, Mitchell, S. D.
<i>Registrar</i> .....	Albert Hartt, Lead, S. D.
<i>Class of 1915</i> .....	A. E. Buriff, P. O. Bunt, R. G. Minkler
<i>Class of 1916</i> .....	C. E. Wilcox, O. W. Butterfield, C. V. Gilliland
<i>Class of 1917</i> .....	J. P. Jenkins, H. G. Ozanne, T. B. Wilber
<i>Class of 1918</i> .....	Albert Hartt, R. C. Shearer, A. W. Thurston

**Rules**

1. The Board of Examiners, consisting of twelve members, shall be appointed, organized, and conducted according to the disciplinary plan, Par. 65 of appendix.

2. Sec. 1. Only the midyear examinations and examinations at the seat of the annual conference shall be held, except that undergraduates conditioned upon any books may have the privilege of taking examinations upon said books at any time which may suit the convenience of respective examiners having charge of such books.

Sec. 2. Examinations in the following studies will be given at the mid-year meetings of ministerial associations or district conferences: Admission on trial, "Worker and His Bible," "Twenty-five Articles of Religion," "Life of Wesley."

First Year—"Jesus and the Gospel," "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," "Winning the Fight Against Drink."

Second Year—"Hermeneutics," "The Bible, Origin and Nature," "How We Think," "Light of the World."

Third Year—"Christian Doctrine," "Fact of Conversion," "Sacerdotalism."

Fourth Year—"Social Engineer," "Christian Doctrine," "Theism."

3. "Elementary English" as a part of English branches in studies for admission on trial shall comprise English grammar, composition, literature, arithmetic, and simple accounting. Accounting shall cover such work as is required for making accurate official records, accounts, and reports. The work in English literature shall be of a grade equal to that required for admission to colleges approved by our University Senate. For the coming year examinations shall be upon the following:

1. For Intensive Study—Shakespeare's "Macbeth," Macaulay's "Life of Johnson."

2. For General Literary Study—The Old Testament, Shakespeare's "Julius Cæsar."

3. For Reading—Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities," Lincoln's "Gettysburg" and two Inaugural Addresses, Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard," Lowell's "Vision of Sir Launfal," Scott's "Lady of the Lake."

4. Candidates for local deacons' and local elders' orders shall conform to the requirement of the Discipline, Appendix, Par. 69.

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5. In case of the unavoidable absence of any examiner from the meeting of the board, he shall forward his list of questions to the chairman who shall arrange for the examinations.
6. All essays and sermons shall be forwarded to the respective examiners, at least one month before the date of the annual conference.
7. A copy of the plan, together with detailed schedule of studies and assignments of examiners, shall be printed in the Conference Journal.
8. The chairman shall arrange a schedule for the annual examinations.
9. No candidate shall be entitled to advance classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or in three books to be read, or in one to be studied and two to be read; and no candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification until he has brought up the work in which he is delinquent.
10. The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods here presented; but before they become valid, or are used or published by the board, all proposed changes shall be accepted by the conference.
11. \*It is the sense of the Board of Examiners that all men in good health be required to complete the course in the time prescribed. We further request the District Superintendents to see that the undergraduates on their respective district comply with the above requirements.
12. All candidates desiring credits from any institution of learning are required to submit the record of such work to the Board of Examiners at the earliest possible opportunity. We suggest that no one defer the preparation of presented work while awaiting the action of the board.

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\*Attention is called to the action of the conference of 1914: That any man who does not complete the first two years of the conference course of study in four years shall be discontinued. (See page 29.)

## UNDERGRADUATES IN CONFERENCE COURSE OF STUDIES

First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
A. G. Campbell...	M. H. Sunderlin.	P. V. Brethorst..	J. L. Walsh.....
W. S. Rowden....	Thomas Ratcliffe.	Frank Tanner.....	H. E. Rice.....
W. H. Evans.....	C. E. McDonald..	J. D. Evans.....	O. P. Jackson.....
N. A. Christianson	Samuel Marble...	B. F. Stiles.....	Ernest Redmayne.
W. J. McClarinon	A. H. Beardsley..	G. H. Book.....	P. H. Weston....
C. M. Weirauch..	J. W. Hartley....	A. L. Wilson.....	L. W. Darling....
K. R. Mansveld..	J. H. James.....	C. B. Dennison...	P. H. Weston....
C. B. Cooney.....	E. F. Lovett.....		
C. B. Arms.....			
S. P. Hauser.....			
C. H. Langdon...			
E. E. Prescott...			

## SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND EXAMINERS

Examiners	Admission	First Year	Second Year	Third Year	Fourth Year
A. E. Buriff.....		Phelps- Merrill ..			
P. O. Bunt....	*Denney ..	*Speer ..	Patten .....		
T. B. Wilber..	*Life of Wesley..			*Sheldon ..	*Sheldon ..
Albert Hartt..	Sermon .....		*Dewey ..	Fisher .....	
J. P. Jenkins..	*Eiselen & Barclay	*Broadus ..	Mott .....		
A. W. Thurston	Discipline .....	American History ..	Essay .....		
H. G. Ozanne.	English Branches.				Steven .....
R. G. Minkler.	Hurlbut .....			*Jackson .....	Eiselen .....
C. V. Gilliland.	*Wheeler .....	Sermon ..	*Terry ..	Sermon .....	
R. C. Shearer.		*Eaton .....		*Sacerdotalism.	*Earp .....
C. E. Wilcox..			*Dods .....		Smyth .....
O.W.Butterfield			Meyer .....		*Bowne Winchester

\*The books on which examinations are to be held midyear.

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## FIRST DAY

Wednesday, October 7, 1914.

**Opening**—The thirtieth session of the Dakota Annual Conference convened in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wessington Springs, S. D., October 7, 1914. Bishop Naphtali Luccock, D.D., LL.D., presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. John F. Harmon, president McKendree College of Lebanon, Ill.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and the local pastor.

**Roll Call**—The secretary of the last conference called the roll and the following responded: R. J. Aitcheson, W. A. Black, A. E. Bennett, O. E. Boyce, C. C. Boslaugh, F. L. Bromaghim, G. D. Brown, S. E. Brown, R. A. Bruce, P. O. Bunt, A. E. Buriff, C. B. Clark, J. E. Crowther, L. W. Darling, W. N. Deller, J. B. Dibble, W. B. Dunn, H. P. Eberhart, J. H. Ebert, J. A. Edwards, G. D. Egner, J. S. Ellis, Nels Fanebust, W. T. Ferguson, E. J. Fish, J. F. Franklin, G. N. Gage, Paul Gardner, J. F. Gibson, C. H. Graf, M. T. Habgood, C. E. Hager, I. M. Hargett, J. S. Harkness, Albert Hartt, W. E. Hartung, J. S. Hoagland, A. E. Hocking, E. E. Holmes, R. B. Hughes, J. M. Hunter, E. E. Hunt, O. M. Hyde, J. P. Jenkins, N. P. Johnson, J. H. Kearton, L. L. Lane, L. L. Layne, Harry Lee, A. M. Lott, A. S. Loveall, E. O. Machemer, C. E. Matteson, R. G. Minkler, B. W. McEldowney, J. E. McKinney, A. C. MacLean, R. C. McReynolds, F. E. Morrison, Homer Minish, Thos. Nicholson, M. E. Nickerson, G. T. Notson, H. G. Ozanne, F. C. Page, J. W. Potter, I. P. Potter, Fred Rawlinson, W. O. Redfield, Ernest Redmayne, H. E. Rice, G. W. Rosenberry, E. E. Saxton, W. G. Seaman, R. C. Shearer, S. H. Shurtleff, J. T. B. Smith, S. F. Spitz, R. E. Tarleton, Frank Tanner, O. W. Taylor, J. M. Tibbetts, T. H. Trevithick, P. H. Weston, T. B. Wilber, C. E. Wilcox, W. A. Wilkinson, John Wood, G. J. Corwin, Thos. Simmons, A. Jamison, D. Rifenbark.

**Organization**—On motion of O. E. Boyce, G. D. Brown was reelected secretary, and on his nomination I. M. Hargett, H. P. Eberhart, and F. E. Morrison were elected assistant secretaries.

On motion of J. S. Harkness, F. L. Bromaghim was reelected statistical secretary, and on his nomination F. C. Page, E. F. Lovett, W. N. Deller, R. G. Minkler, Myron Redfield, and P. J. Lawson were elected assistant statisticians.

On motion of G. T. Notson, J. M. Hunter was reelected treasurer, and on his nomination J. H. Ebert, A. E. Hocking, H. E. Rice, B. W. McEldowney, and Homer Minish were elected assistant treasurers.

**Conference Bar**—On motion the conference bar was fixed to include the first ten rows of seats.

**Time of Meeting**—On motion of G. D. Brown it was ordered that the time of meeting be fixed at 9 a. m. and the time of closing at 12 m.

**Reporters**—On motion of G. T. Notson, J. T. B. Smith was elected reporter for the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* and the daily papers, and E. F. Lovett reporter for the local press.

**Publishing Committee**—On motion of J. S. Harkness, G. D. Brown, J. P. Jenkins, and J. M. Hunter were elected the publishing committee.

**Postmaster**—On motion of J. S. Harkness, O. M. Hyde was elected postmaster.

**Standing Committees**—The list of standing committees was read and revised.

**Resolutions**—G. T. Notson offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Inasmuch as there is an increasing number of speakers desiring this conference to give them a hearing, and

Inasmuch as we desire to deal equitably with every interest,

*Therefore Be it Resolved*, That we recognize the right of the official representatives of the regular General Conference boards and interests to be heard, but suggest that they observe the ten-minute limit, and

*Further Be it Resolved*, That J. W. Potter, A. E. Buriff, and R. A. Bruce be appointed a committee to whom all other representatives shall be referred. This committee shall determine who is entitled to speak and the limit decided upon for each, the limit being five or ten minutes for each.

**Introductions**—Edward R. Graham, Publishing Agent of the Book Concern, addressed the conference and presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$30 and dividends from the Book Concern for \$2,521.

Dr. A. J. Kyett, recording secretary and field agent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, was introduced and addressed the conference.

On motion of G. W. Rosenberry, G. N. Gage was elected solicitor for the *Home Missions Quarterly*.

**Dakota Wesleyan**—J. S. Harkness presented the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved First*, That Dakota Wesleyan University be given right of way in the conference for the purpose of raising \$100,000.

*Resolved Second*, That the campaign shall close on May 1.

*Resolved Third*, That an executive secretary be appointed by the Bishop, and that an executive committee be formed, consisting of three ministers elected by the Dakota Conference and three laymen elected by the Laymen's Association.

*Resolved Fourth*, That following this campaign, a movement in behalf of the conference hospital shall be inaugurated by the executive secretary.

*Resolved Fifth*, That in view of the crisis in our college affairs, the special campaign under the direction of the Board of Conference Claimants be deferred until immediately following the annual conference of 1915.

On motion it was ordered that the ministerial members of the committee provided for in the above resolution be nominated by the cabinet.

**Introductions**—Dr. Thos. Nicholson was introduced and addressed the conference.

Dr. E. C. Clemans, assistant corresponding secretary of the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced, addressed the conference, and presented a draft from the board for \$250.

On motion of G. T. Notson the time was extended for the purpose of collecting statistics. The statistics were gathered.

After announcements and the benediction pronounced by A. S. Loveall, the conference adjourned.

## SECOND DAY

Thursday, October 8, 1914.

The conference convened at 8:30 a. m., Dr. John Harmon leading the devotional exercises.

The Bishop took the chair at nine o'clock and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

John Wood was appointed solicitor for the *Methodist Review*.

**Memorial Service**—At half-past nine the memorial service was held. Hymn No. 604 was sung, and A. E. Carhart led in prayer. The conference then stood while the roll of the deceased members was called. G. T. Notson read the life story of Thomas Wilkinson, who died this year, as prepared by himself. Thos. Nicholson, J. P. Jenkins, and Bishop Luccock spoke words of appreciation of the life and work of Brother Wilkinson. The service closed by singing, "Shall we gather at the river."

**Prorating**—E. E. Hunt presented the matter of prorating railroad expenses for the members of the conference in accordance with the action of last year, and on motion of J. P. Jenkins the action was amended so as to include all men in actual charge and the amount to be reckoned on the basis of one fare, including stage fare, of each pastor from his home to the seat of conference.

**Reports**—On motion of A. E. Buriff it was ordered that the pastors report whether all causes were presented, the conference claimants' fund prorated, and the number of conversions and accessions.

On motion of J. S. Harkness the publishing committee was made the editors of the district superintendents' reports.

**Question Fourteen**—Was the character of each preacher examined?

J. S. Harkness, superintendent of the Aberdeen District; G. T. Notson, superintendent of the Huron District; W. S. Shepherd, superintendent of the Mitchell District; and C. E. Matteson, superintendent of the Rapid City District, were called, passed in character, and read their reports.

The following effective elders were called, passed in character, and those present gave their reports: O. W. Taylor, F. E. Morrison, J. E. McKinney, A. C. MacLean, J. F. Franklin, F. L. Bromaghim, A. M. Lott, S. E. Brown, F. B. Dunn, M. T. Habgood, J. M. Tibbetts, R. C. Shearer, E. E. Holmes, J. M. Hunter, Ernest Holgate, Thos. Davies, W. J. Waltz, J. A. Willey, M. E. Nickerson, E. O. Machemer, G. T. Matthews, N. P. Johnson, C. E. Wilcox, J. T. B. Smith, A. E. Hocking, A. E. Buriff, J. H. Kearton, W. A. Wilkinson, S. F. Spitz, Harry Lee, J. D. Stevens, I. M. Hargett, Paul Gardner, P. O. Bunt, W. E. Gale, J. W. Lucas, G. D. Egner, W. A. Greene, R. J. Aitcheson, J. S. Hoagland, W. T. Ferguson, O. M. Hyde, T. H. Trevithick, W. O. Redfield, S. H. Shurtleff, R. B. Hughes, C. B. Harrold, C. E. Hager, F. M. Faith, R. C. McReynolds, J. A. Edwards, E. E. Saxton, H. L. Case, P. H. McBeth, Albert Hartt, J. T. Gurney, H. W. Minish, W. E. Hartung, E. J. Fish, and P. J. Lawson.

**Transfers**—The transfers of J. W. Ellis to the Minnesota Conference, John Clayton to the Columbia River Conference, and of H. W. Bunton from the Kentucky Conference were announced.

**Introductions**—Dr. John Harmon, president of McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.; the Rev. J. H. Wilson, pastor of the Free Methodist Church of Wessington Springs; the Rev. H. W. Bunton, transferred from the Kentucky Conference; Professor G. W. Griffith, principal of the Free Methodist Seminary of Wessington Springs; and Dr. L. B. Wickersham of the Des Moines Conference were introduced.

Dr. S. H. Kirkbride, representing the American Bible Society; the Rev. R. N. Holsaple, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League; Mrs. Thos. Simmons, president of the state Woman's Christian Temperance Union; and Mrs. Kathrine Morrison Cooper, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Deaconess Association, were introduced and addressed the conference.

**Woman Suffrage**—On motion of J. S. Harkness the following resolution adopted last year was reaffirmed:

WHEREAS, We believe the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of South Dakota is doing a great and noble work for humanity, and

WHEREAS, We believe their power for accomplishing good would be greatly increased if the women of the state had the right of suffrage; and

WHEREAS, On the principle of justice, we believe it unfair to withhold the right to vote from intelligent women who ask for this right on the ground that it is protective and helpful to them; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, endorse the equal suffrage amendment to come before the voters of the state of South Dakota in 1915, and promise to do all in our power to aid in its adoption, and we assure the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of our fidelity and support, and wish them Godspeed.

On motion the time was extended.

J. A. Edwards spoke in appreciation of the fifty years of service of Dr. C. B. Clark, and a provision was made for a suitable testimonial to his long and valued service.

On motion of Thos. Nicholson all standing committees were requested to so adjust their work that the presentation of their reports to the conference be not later than Friday afternoon.

J. S. Hoagland moved that J. P. Jenkins and J. E. Crowther be added to the Committee on Education and it was so ordered.

J. P. Jenkins requested that he be relieved from the Committee on Conference Relations, and P. O. Bunt was elected to fill his place.

A. S. Loveall, at his own request, was relieved from serving on the Committee on Sabbath Observance.

Announcements were made and on motion the conference adjourned with the benediction.

### THIRD DAY

Friday, October 9, 1914.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. John F. Harmon, and at nine o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

**Special Committee**—On motion of G. D. Brown a committee, consisting of Thos. Nicholson, A. E. Buriff, and J. S. Hoagland, was appointed to consider communications from the Rock River Conference and the National Reform Association.

**Memorial**—The secretary read a memorial from the Vermont Conference. Thos. Nicholson moved that the Dakota Conference does not concur, which carried.

On motion of R. A. Bruce, ten o'clock Saturday morning was fixed as the time for receiving invitations for the next annual conference session.

On motion of W. G. Seaman, the educational report was made the order of the day for half-past ten Saturday morning.

**Age Limit**—On motion of E. E. Hunt, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the conference fix the age limit for admission on trial at thirty-five years and that no one be received who is over that age except those who have special qualifications and fitness for the ministry and then only on a two-thirds vote of the conference.

**Pierre Church**—On motion of G. T. Notson, W. A. Wilkinson, J. A. Edwards, A. S. Loveall, and A. E. Buriff were made a committee to which is referred the Pierre Church indebtedness.

**Deadwood Resolution**—On motion of E. E. Saxton, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, There exist in the city of Deadwood, under the present city administration, gambling and houses of prostitution and other forms of lawlessness which threaten the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, The editor of the *Daily Telegram*, who has courageously been exposing the vice and graft of the city, was assaulted on the streets of said city by a man who was and now is a member of the police force.

*Therefore Be it Resolved*, That we, the members of the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Wessington Springs, call upon the mayor and officials of the city, the officials of Lawrence County, the governor and attorney-general of the state of South Dakota, to enforce the laws of the state and stamp out the present existing and growing vice conditions of the city of Deadwood, and we pledge them our hearty support in the performance of such duty.

A committee, consisting of P. H. McBeth, J. S. Hoagland, and W. E. Hartung, was appointed to present the above resolutions to the governor and attorney-general and urge immediate action.

**Question fourteen resumed**—G. W. Rosenberry, superintendent of the Sioux Falls District, and O. E. Boyce, superintendent of the Watertown District, were called, passed in character, and read their reports.

The following effective elders were called, passed in character, and those present gave their reports: J. B. Dibble, I. P. Potter, G. N. Gage, A. W. Thurston, A. P. Janes, A. J. Hoyer, E. E. Saxton, Nels Fanebust, C. H. Graf, H. P. Eberhart, E. E. Hunt, John Kaye, J. W. Potter, J. F. Gibson, L. A. McDonald, W. A. Black, R. E. Tarleton, W. J. Dudgeon, R. A. Bruce, O. W. Butterfield, John Wood, Percy Kenderdine, J. N. Oakley, T. B. Wilber, L. L. Layne, C. C. Boslaugh, R. G. Minkler, Fred Rawlinson, B. W. McEl-downey, A. S. Loveall, G. D. Brown, F. F. Lewis, E. A. Bennett, H. G. Ozanne.

The following effective elders under special appointment were called and passed in character: Thos. Nicholson, W. G. Seaman, J. L. Seaton, J. P. Jenkins, C. V. Gilliland, J. E. Crowther, Martin Thomas, A. E. Carhart, W. J. Calfee, C. B. Clark, L. L. Lane, J. O. Dobson, P. H. McBeth, E. E. Vernon, Samuel Wier.

On motion of J. S. Harkness, N. F. Sanderson and C. D. Lockridge were permitted to withdraw at their own request.

**Hospital Trustees' Report**—J. W. Potter read the report of the business transacted by the Conference Hospital Board of Trustees during the year, to be printed in the minutes as a matter of record. The board recommends the appointment of G. T. Notson as executive secretary with permission given him to work for the college until May 1, 1915.

**Introductions**—Dr. Walter Torbet, the Rev. T. S. Bassett, the Rev. J. J. Gardner, and the Rev. C. N. McMillan of the Northwest Iowa Conference were introduced.

The Rev. A. D. Stuckeman, superintendent of the Children's Home Finding Society, and Miss Alice Bielski of the Helping Hand Mission of Sioux City were introduced and they addressed the conference.

**Fraternal Greetings**—On motion of J. A. Edwards, the secretary was instructed to send fraternal greetings to the Presbyterian Synod in session at Mitchell, S. D., and to the Baptist State Convention in session at Vermillion, S. D., which was done.

**Question eight**—Who have been admitted into full membership? Geo. H. Book, Anthony L. Wilson, Charles B. Dennison, and Arthur H. Beardsley were passed in character, reported their work, were advanced to the studies of the third year, were addressed by the Bishop and, after answering the disciplinary questions, were admitted to full membership and elected to deacons' orders.

**Question six**—Who have been continued on trial? John W. Hartley, Joseph H. James, Edy T. Underwood, and Evan F. Lovett were passed in character, those present reported their work, and they were continued in the studies of the second year.

Charles E. McDonald, Samuel Marble, Thos. Ratcliffe were passed in character, those present reported their work, and were advanced to the studies of the second year.

Wm. H. Evans, Wm. S. Rowden, A. G. Campbell, Marion Sunderlin, and C. M. Weirauch were passed in character, those present reported their work, and were continued in the studies of the first year.

Leslie Davis was passed in character, continued in the studies of the first year, and left without appointment to attend school.

Walter J. McClarinon and Nels A. Christianson were passed in character, continued in the studies of the first year, and left without appointment to attend school.

**Probationers Limited**—On motion of A. E. Buriff it was ordered that any man who does not complete the first two years of the course of study in four years will be discontinued.

**Question nine**—What members have completed the conference course of study?

Peter V. Brethorst, Frank Tanner, Benjamin F. Stiles, and John D. Stevens were passed in character, gave their reports, and were continued in the studies of the third year.

L. W. Darling was passed in character, gave his report, and was advanced to the studies of the fourth year conditioned in one study.

Ernest Redmayne and Perley H. Weston were passed in character, gave their reports, and were advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

**Question eleven**—What members have completed the conference course of study?

John H. Ebert, William N. Deller, John S. Ellis, Fernando C. Page, and Fred H. Ray were passed in character, gave their reports, were graduated from the course of study, and elected to elders' orders.

Thomas Davies was passed in character, graduated from the course of study, and his ordination as elder authorized.

Orrin P. Jackson, Harry E. Rice, and John L. Walsh were passed in character, gave their reports, and were continued in the studies of the third year.

On motion of G. T. Notson it was ordered that the supernumerary and retired members, together with all who desire change of relation, shall appear before the Committee on Conference Relations.

**Question five**—Who have been received on trial? Edmund E. Prescott and Scott P. Hauser were admitted on trial, placed in the studies of the first year, and elected to deacons' orders under the seminary rule.

On motion of Thos. Nicholson, the Board of Examiners was instructed to accept the work of the undergraduates coming from the Methodist Church of Canada and the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England, credit for credit in such studies as they have had, but not in such a way as to excuse them from our course in doctrine and discipline.

Charles W. Langdon, an undergraduate from the Methodist Church of Canada, was received on trial, elected to local deacons' orders, and referred to the Board of Examiners as to the studies he shall be required to take.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the time was extended.

On motion of C. E. Hager, a session of conference was called for at half-past three this afternoon.

On motion of A. E. Carhart, the secretary was requested to send a message of sympathy to Editor Senn of the *Daily Telegram* of Deadwood, S. D.

**Undergraduates Limited**—On motion of A. E. Buriff, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the members of this conference who have not completed the conference course of study, and who have not appeared before the Conference Examiners shall appear before the cabinet and explain their delinquency.

**Retired**—At his own request C. B. Clark was granted the retired relation.

The announcements were made and after the benediction by A. E. Buriff the conference adjourned.

#### Afternoon Session

Friday, October 9, 1914.

The conference convened at 3:30 p. m. with the Bishop in the chair. Hymn No. 401 was sung, and C. E. Hager led in prayer.

C. B. Clark was escorted to the platform, and C. E. Hager expressed, in a short address, to Dr. Clark the appreciation of his brethren for the fifty years of splendid service rendered to the Methodist Church and presented to him a bouquet of fifty white roses and a purse of \$50 in gold as a token of their love.

Dr. Clark made a few fitting remarks in response.

"Shall we gather at the river?" was sung, and the benediction pronounced by C. E. Hager.

## FOURTH DAY

Saturday, October 10, 1914.

The devotional exercises were led by Dr. John F. Harmon. The Bishop took the chair at nine o'clock, and the minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

**Transfers**—The Bishop announced the transfers of Joseph H. James to the Illinois Conference, S. B. Lowrie, a probationer of the first year, from the Wisconsin Conference, and Harry B. Nash, a probationer of the first year, from the West Wisconsin Conference.

R. J. Aitcheson was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church at his own request.

**Introductions**—The Rev. R. A. Carhart, district superintendent from the Mexico Conference, and Mr. Walter Carhart, missionary to Concepcion, Chile, South America, were introduced and addressed the conference.

On motion of G. T. Notson it was ordered that an offering to defray the expenses of the Laymen's Association be taken when the laymen meet with the conference.

**Adjournment**—On motion of G. T. Notson, the time of final adjournment was fixed at noon Monday, October 12.

The report of the committee to consider the Pierre Church indebtedness was read and referred back to the committee. W. G. Seaman was added to this committee.

**Commission**—J. E. Crowther moved that a commission be created comprising the District Superintendents and one layman from each district to study the question of organizing a Dakota Conference Home Mission and Church Extension Society, with a view to supplementing the aid received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in ministerial support and building projects, said commission to report at the annual conference of 1915. The motion prevailed.

**Order of the Day**—Question thirty-six. Where shall the next conference be held? Invitations were received from Sioux Falls, Brookings, Milbank, and Madison. The vote was taken and Sioux Falls was selected as the next place of meeting. On motion of R. A. Bruce, the vote was made unanimous.

**Deaconess Board**—The report of the Deaconess Board was read and adopted.

On motion of R. J. Minkler, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Conference Deaconess Board has carefully considered the conditions which exist affecting the Methodist Deaconess Hospital of Rapid City and the Dakota Deaconess Hospital at Brookings as institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS, Their respective fields of usefulness are identical and both depend upon conference territory for their support, and

WHEREAS, Under present conditions the respective institutions require separate organizations and management, necessitating useless expense and possible antagonism, and

WHEREAS, The Conference Hospital at Mitchell has come into the field for financial support, and

WHEREAS, It is the belief of this board that the best interest of both institutions can only be accomplished by being united under one management; be it

*Resolved*, That this board recommend to the conference that the above-named institutions be united under one management, if it be found feasible, and that a committee, consisting of one member from each district, be appointed with power to act in all matters pertaining to this consummation.

On motion of A. E. Carhart it was ordered that all overdue notes held by the treasurer of the Conference Claimants' Fund against the ministers of the conference be reported at the next conference.

On motion of A. E. Carhart, \$10 was ordered reserved from the interest accruing from the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund to defray printing and postage expenses connected therewith.

On motion of A. E. Buriff it was ordered that the basis of computing the amount to be raised on each charge for the support of conference claimants shall be the pastor's salary alone.

**Order of the Day**—The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

**Return Greetings**—The secretary read return greetings from the Baptist State Convention which is now in session at Vermillion, in which reference was made to Philippians 4:6, 7, 19. The secretary read the passage referred to in the message.

**Transfer of Property**—In pursuance of the action of the conference of 1913, by which District Superintendent Matteson was given authority to exchange the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church at New Underwood for the Congregational at Wall, the exchange was made.

W. S. Shepherd was given authority to sell the church property at Riverside, S. D.

**Hospital Boundary Line**—On motion of J. W. Potter, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, At the conference of 1913 a hospital commission was appointed to fix a righteous boundary between the Brookings and the Rapid City hospitals, and

WHEREAS, The boundary line established by said commission is not satisfactory to both hospitals, and

WHEREAS, This conference does not care to be drawn into any apparent or real difference as between these worthy institutions, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the annual conference annul the boundary lines established by the commission and henceforth all fixing of lines within the hospital territory be left to the cabinet, and that we bid both these institutions God-speed and wish them success in their work.

**High School Credits**—On motion of G. T. Notson, the following resolution was adopted:

*Be it Resolved*, That the plan of giving credits to high school students for Bible study, the same as for any other branch of study, already inaugurated by the states of North Dakota and Colorado be heartily indorsed, and that such change in our state laws as may be necessary to carry out such plan is hereby recommended to the consideration of the superintendent of public instruction and the Legislature of the state.

**War Sufferers**—On motion of G. T. Notson, the following resolution was adopted:

*Be it Resolved*, That we tender the profound sympathy of our church to the sufferers of the war and that we recommend that the Methodist people lead the people of the United States in designating December 25, 1914, as a European Christmas, setting aside the money ordinarily expended on gifts, as a fund for the relief of European sufferers, and that G. F. Knappen of Brookings be named as custodian of the funds.

**Introductions**—Miss Eleanor S. Moore, superintendent of the Brookings Hospital, and Miss Elva M. Wade of the Rapid City Hospital were introduced and addressed the conference in behalf of their respective institutions.

J. A. Edwards, field secretary of the Rapid City Hospital, read his report.

Mrs. D. B. Street, secretary of the Deaconess Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of Washington, D. C., was introduced and addressed the conference.

**Laymen's Association**—At 11:30 a. m. the Laymen's Association was received by the conference and welcomed by the Bishop.

**Financial Plan**—Dr. J. B. Trimble of the Finance Commission was introduced and he addressed the conference in behalf of the new financial plan.

**Introduction**—Dr. W. D. Schermerhorn, professor in Garrett Biblical Institute, was introduced and addressed the conference in the interests of the institution he represents.

On motion a conference session was ordered for 5 p. m. to-day.

Announcements were made and after the benediction was pronounced by J. S. Hoagland the conference adjourned.

### Afternoon Session

Saturday, October 10, 1914.

At 5 p. m. J. P. Jenkins, who was appointed by the Bishop to preside, called the conference to order.

J. E. Crowther requested that his quarterly conference membership be changed from Mitchell to Wessington Springs.

**Pierre Church**—The committee to consider the Pierre Church indebtedness read its report and the report was adopted. (See report.)

**Committee Reports**—The following reports were read and adopted: From the Committee on Sunday Schools, Sabbath Observance, Social Service Commission, on Temperance, special report of the Committee on Education, Conference Hospital Board of Trustees. (See reports.)

**Question twelve**—What others have been elected and ordained deacons? Samuel B. Lowrie was elected to deacons' orders under the seminary rule.

**Special Committee**—The special committee appointed to consider communications from the Rock River Conference and the National Reform Association offered the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That we heartily indorse the memorial calling for national legislation against polygamy and request the Bishop and the secretary of this conference to sign the petitions and forward them, as requested, in the name of the conference.

2. In considering the memorial sent to us by the Rock River Conference, protesting against the sale of the Book Concern property in Chicago, we are impressed with the fact that we do not have all the facts; that we have no opportunity to hear the Book Committee's side of the case.

*We Therefore Advise*, That in the absence of such information we decline to take action and leave our delegation to the next General Conference free to act as seems to them wise, after they have heard all sides of the case.

Thos. Nicholson was excused from further attendance upon the conference.

Announcements were made and after the benediction was pronounced by F. F. Lewis the conference adjourned.

## THIRTIETH SESSION

## FIFTH DAY

Monday, October 12, 1914.

The devotional exercises were led by O. W. Butterfield, after which the Bishop took the chair at 8:15 a. m. The reading of the minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved.

**Question one**—Is the annual conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline? was asked, and it was ascertained that such is the case.

**Transfers**—The following transfers were announced: W. P. Slocum from the Nebraska Conference, T. S. Bassett from the Northwest Iowa Conference, E. T. Underwood to the Nebraska Conference, C. B. Thomas to the North Dakota Conference, W. J. Dudgeon to the Michigan Conference, W. H. Ringler to the Montana Conference, and W. A. Wilkinson to the Northwest Iowa Conference.

**Question three**—Who have been readmitted? C. B. Thomas was readmitted.

**Question five**—Was resumed. Lloyd M. Rising, Edward B. Cooney, Clinton V. Arms, Olin M. Rifenbark were admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the first year.

**Question sixteen**—Who have died? Thomas Wilkinson was announced as having died this year.

**Question seventeen**—Who have been located at their own request? D. I. Roush was located at his own request.

**Withdrawn**—Upon surrender of his parchments, G. M. Richmond was permitted to withdraw from the ministry.

R. J. Aitcheson and J. C. Greene were permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of our church, and their parchments were ordered properly indorsed and returned to them.

**Question twenty-three**—Who are the supernumerary ministers?

M. R. Crisp was passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation and requested to locate.

J. R. Payne was passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation and requested to locate or transfer.

C. M. Stebbins, R. N. Kratz, J. E. Norvell, J. D. Evans, and W. J. Douglass were passed in character and continued in the supernumerary relation.

A. M. Ward was passed in character, made effective, and requested to locate.

John Wood, W. J. Waltz, and W. A. Greene were granted the supernumerary relation at their own request.

**Official Record**—On motion of G. T. Notson the printed minutes were made the official record of the conference.

**Question twenty-three**—Who are the retired ministers? D. W. Chamberlain, W. D. Deeble, E. E. Dean, W. O. Gram, J. G. Hall, Lewis Hartsough, Archibald Jamison, O. A. Phillips, Duane Rifenbark, Thos. Simmons, A. E. Tanner, and T. H. Youngman were passed in character and continued in the retired relation.

J. A. Willey and W. I. Graham were passed in character and granted the retired relation.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the Board of Stewards was given power to provide for John Wood from the Conference Claimants' Fund.

**Triers of Appeal**—J. P. Jenkins, J. W. Potter, R. E. Tarleton, P. H. McBeth, and G. T. Notson were appointed by the Bishop as Triers of Appeals.

**Sexton**—On motion of J. W. Potter an offering was taken to pay Mr. Esmay of Wessington Springs, who is the sexton of the church in which this session of the conference is held, for his efficient services and unfailing courtesy. Mr. Esmay was called forward and J. W. Potter, with a few well-chosen words, presented the offering to him.

The reports of the following committees were read and adopted: Home Missions and Church Extension, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Auditing Conference Treasurer's Account, Conference Board of Stewards, Freedmen's Aid, Foreign Missions, Epworth Leagues, Conference Claimants, Resolutions, Division of Territory for the Deaconess Hospital, Auditing District Superintendents' Accounts. (See reports.)

The reports of the statistical secretary and of the treasurer were read and adopted. (See statistical tables.)

**Railroad Secretary**—E. E. Hunt presented a resolution regarding pooling railroad expenses of the ministers which was adopted. (See resolution among committee reports.)

On motion of J. E. Crowther, E. E. Hunt was elected railroad secretary for the ensuing year.

It was announced that Mrs. C. J. Corwin had sustained serious injury in a fall last evening and, on motion of G. W. Rosenberry, the sympathy of the conference was extended to her.

**Book Sales at Conference**—On motion of J. W. Potter, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Book Concern is the property of Methodist preachers, and

WHEREAS, The Book Concern divides its profits with retired ministers, and

WHEREAS, Increased business means increased dividends.

Therefore Be it Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that all competitive book sellers, representing private interests, shall be excluded from the church wherein the future sessions are held.

(Signed) G. D. BROWN.

J. S. HOAGLAND.

J. W. POTTER.

**Rules of Examination**—The rules governing the examinations of undergraduates were read and adopted. (See rules.)

**Conference Claimants' Apportionment**—On motion the basis for computing the amount to be raised on each charge for the support of conference claimants was fixed at three and one-half per cent of the pastor's cash salary.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the name of Nathan Fawell was ordered placed on the list of the honored dead.

On motion of O. E. Boyce, it was ordered that the amounts of "other benevolences" be printed in the minutes this year.

On motion of J. P. Jenkins it was ordered that short memoirs of Abram F. Thompson, once an honored member of this conference, be printed in the minutes.

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By common consent J. P. Jenkins was excused from the Publishing Committee at his own request.

On motion of E. E. Hunt, the district stewards of the several districts were requested to apportion to the various charges an amount equal to eight per cent of the pastor's cash salary.

**Legal Session**—On motion of G. T. Notson, the conference convened in legal session.

On motion of G. T. Notson, the secretary was requested to cast the ballot of the conference for the following trustees for three years: J. B. Dibble, W. S. Shepherd, M. E. Nickerson, which was done.

The following officers of the board were confirmed: W. S. Shepherd, president; M. E. Nickson, secretary; and A. E. Carhart, treasurer.

On motion the legal session adjourned.

The following statement was presented by the cabinet and adopted:

Upon invitation of Rev. G. T. Notson, superintendent of the Huron District of the Dakota Conference, the members of the cabinet met and, going fully into the facts pertaining to the situation at Huron, S. D., affirm as their conviction that the District Superintendent in his official capacity acted within the bounds of the Discipline and with the highest interests of the church at heart.

We further affirm our unqualified confidence in Dr. Notson, and assure him our full sympathy and support.

(Signed) NAPHTALI LUCCOCK, Bishop.  
JAMES S. HARKNESS,  
W. S. SHEPHERD,  
G. W. ROSENBERRY,  
C. E. MATTESON,  
ORIEN E. BOYCE.

The secretary of the cabinet read the list of nominations for the standing committees, which were elected, and the amounts of the missionary apportionments, which were made official.

On motion of J. A. Edwards, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, There now exists in Europe the most cruel and far-reaching war known among men, devastating cities, destroying the treasures of the centuries in architecture and the loss of innumerable lives on the field of carnage, leaving widows and orphans with untold suffering and sorrow.

*Therefore Be it Resolved*, That we pledge to the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the countries so affected, our prayers and sympathies, and urge the President of the United States and his cabinet to press the claims of peace, and to use the prestige of this nation to bring the present bloodshed to a speedy close.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

The Bishop addressed the conference. "A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung, the appointments of the preachers were read, and the thirtieth session of the Dakota Annual Conference adjourned.

BISHOP NAPHTALI LUCCOCK, President.  
GILBERT D. BROWN, Secretary.

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION**

This is to certify that at Wessington Springs, S. D., on Sunday, October 11, 1914, upon the election by the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as deacons: George H. Book, Anthony L. Wilson, Carl B. Dennison, Arthur H. Beardsley, Chas. W. Langdon, Samuel B. Lowrie, and Edmund E. Prescott; and at the same time and place, assisted by elders, I ordained as elders: John H. Ebert, William N. Deller, John S. Ellis, Fernando C. Page, and Fred H. Ray.

**NAPHTALI LUCCOCK,**  
**Presiding Bishop.**

**THIRTIETH SESSION****DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS**

1. Is this Annual Conference incorporated according to the requirements of the Discipline?  
Yes.
2. Who have been received by transfer and from what conferences? Samuel B. Lowrie, Wisconsin; Harry B. Nash, West Wisconsin; H. W. Bunton, Kentucky; W. P. Slocum, Nebraska; T. S. Bassett, Northwest Iowa.
3. Who have been readmitted? C. B. Thomas (Located Dakota Conference, 1911).
4. Who have been received on credentials and from what churches? None.
5. Who have been received on trial?
  - (a) In studies of the first year. Edmund E. Prescott, Scott P. Hauser, Charles W. Langdon, Edward B. Cooney, Clinton B. Arms, Olin Rifenbark.
  - (b) In studies of the second year. None.
6. Who have been continued on trial?
  - (a) In studies of the first year. William H. Evans, William S. Rowden, A. G. Campbell, Nels A. Christianson, Walter J. McClarinon, C. M. Weirauch, Harry B. Nash, Samuel B. Lowrie, Leslie Davis.
  - (b) In studies of the second year. Charles E. McDonald, Samuel W. Marble, Thomas Ratcliffe, John W. Hartley, Evan F. Lovett.
7. Who have been discontinued? C. D. Lockridge, P. I. King.
8. Who have been admitted into full membership?
  - (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year. George H. Book, Anthony L. Wilson, Carl B. Dennison, Arthur H. Beardsley.
  - (b) Elected and ordained deacon previously. None.
9. What members are in the studies of the third year?
  - (a) Admitted into full membership this year? George H. Book, Anthony L. Wilson, Carl B. Dennison, Arthur H. Beardsley.
  - (b) Admitted into full membership previously. Peter V. Brethorst, Frank Tanner, Benjamin F. Stiles, John D. Evans.
10. What members are in the studies of the fourth year? Ernest Redmayne, LeRoy W. Darling, Perley H. Weston, Orin P. Jackson, Harry E. Rice, John W. Walsh.
11. What members have completed the conference course of study?
  - (a) Elected and ordained elders this year. John H. Ebert, William N. Deller, John S. Ellis, Fernando C. Page, Fred H. Ray, Thos. Davies (not present, ordination authorized).

12. What others have been elected and ordained deacons?
  - (a) As local preachers.  
Charles W. Langdon.
  - (b) Under missionary rule. None.
  - (c) Under seminary rule.  
Samuel B. Lowrie, Edmund E. Prescott, Scott P. Hauser (not present, ordination authorized).
13. What others have been elected and ordained elders?  
None.
14. Was the character of each preacher examined?  
Yes.
15. Who have been transferred and to what conferences?  
I. W. Ellis, Wisconsin; John Clayton, Columbia River; E. T. Underwood, Nebraska; C. B. Thomas, North Dakota; W. J. Dudgeon, Michigan; Jos. H. James, Illinois; W. H. Ringler, Montana; W. A. Wilkinson, Northwest Iowa.
16. Who have died?  
Thomas Wilkinson.
17. Who have been located at their own request?  
D. I. Roush.
18. Who have been located?  
None.
19. Who have withdrawn?  
G. M. Richmond, R. J. Aitcheson, N. F. Sanderson, J. C. Greene.
20. Who have withdrawn under charges?  
None.
21. Who have been expelled?  
None.
22. What other personal notation should be made?  
None.
23. Who are the supernumerary preachers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation?  
M. R. Crisp (1), W. J. Douglass (2), W. A. Greene (0), R. N. Kratz (1), J. E. Norvell (2), J. R. Payne (4), C. M. Stebbins (1), W. J. Waltz (0), John Wood (0).
24. Who are the retired preachers?  
D. W. Chamberlain, C. B. Clark, E. E. Dean, W. D. Deeble, W. O. Gram, W. I. Graham, J. G. Hall, Lewis Hartsough, Archibald Jamison, O. A. Phillips, Duane Rifenbark, Thomas Simmons, A. E. Tanner, J. A. Willey, T. H. Youngman, G. J. Corwin.
25. Who are the triers of appeals?  
J. P. Jenkins, J. W. Potter, R. E. Tarleton, P. H. McBeth, G. T. Notson.
26. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?  
\$7,129.

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27. What is the annual report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?  
\$10,027.
28. What is the statistical report?  
(See statistician's report.)
29. What is the Conference Treasurer's report?  
(See the Conference Treasurer's report.)
30. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer?  
\$40,404.
31. What are the claims of the conference on the conference fund?  
\$7,714.
32. What has been received on these funds and how have they been applied?
33. What is the five per cent of the amount raised for the support of the conference claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for connectional relief?  
\$103.
34. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference for the support of conference claimants?  
\$8,600.
35. Where are the preachers stationed?  
(See list of appointments.)
36. Where shall the next conference be held?  
Sioux Falls, S. D.

# Appointments

## ABERDEEN DISTRICT

**4—James S. Harkness, District Superintendent, Aberdeen, S. D.**

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| 4 Aberdeen, O. W. Taylor.       | 1 Gettysburg, N. P. Johnson.       |
| 1 Andover, L. L. Layne.         | 3 Hecla, F. B. Dunn.               |
| 2 Ashton, J. E. McKinney.       | 1 Langford (Robert Hall).          |
| 1 Bath and Putney (Ralph Rich). | 2 Leola (Geo. Carter).             |
| 3 Big Stone (Duane Rifenbark).  | 2 Mellette, F. C. Page.            |
| 2 Bowdle (J. W. Bowler).        | 1 Milbank, F. E. Morrison.         |
| 2 Bristol, J. H. Ebert.         | 2 Northville (L. F. Brown).        |
| 2 Britton, A. C. MacLean.       | 3 Redfield, Ernest Holgate.        |
| 1 Claremont (J. R. Krins).      | 1 Rockham, H. B. Nash.             |
| 2 Conde, J. S. Ellis.           | 1 Seneca, A. M. Ward.              |
| 3 Corona, E. Redmayne.          | 1 Selby (M. Scully).               |
| 1 Cresbard, J. F. Franklin.     | 7 Sisseton, R. C. Shearer.         |
| Cheney, to be supplied.         | 1 Timber Lake (A. A. Bishell).     |
| 13 DeVoe, F. L. Bromaghim.      | 2 Waubay and Summit, E. E. Holmes. |
| 3 Doland, L. W. Darling.        | 2 Webster, J. M. Hunter.           |
| 4 Frankfort, C. C. Boslaugh.    | 4 Westport (L. D. Harris).         |
| 3 Frederick, A. M. Lott.        | 1 White Rock, M. T. Habgood.       |
| 4 Faulkton, C. E. Wilcox.       |                                    |
| 6 Groton, S. E. Brown.          |                                    |

## MITCHELL DISTRICT

**4—W. S. Shepherd, District Superintendent, Mitchell, S. D.**

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| 4 Alexandria, P. O. Bunt.                  | 1 Letcher (Fred Lonsdale).   |
| 1 Alpena, R. B. Hughes.                    | 7 Mitchell, J. S. Hoagland.  |
| 3 Armour, M. L. Sunderlin.                 | 2 Mitchell, Associate Pastor, C. B. Harrold.                       |
| 1 Artesian, I. P. Potter.                  | 2 Mount Vernon, W. T. Ferguson.<br>Paxton Circuit, to be supplied. |
| 1 Bridgewater (C. O. Biggar).              | 2 Plankinton, O. M. Hyde.  |
| 1 Chamberlain, S. F. Spitz.                | 1 Platte, Paul Gardner.  |
| 2 Colome (K. R. Mansveld).                 | 1 Roswell, E. F. Lovett.   |
| 2 Dallas, J. W. Lucas.                     | 1 Springfield, E. E. Prescott.                                     |
| Dudley, to be supplied.                    | 5 Tripp, W. O. Redfield.   |
| 2 Ethan, G. D. Egner.                      | 3 Tyndall, S. H. Shurtleff.  |
| 2 Farmer (W. C. Leake).                    | 1 Virgil, Lloyd Rising.  |
| Fulton, to be supplied.                    | 1 Wagner, J. T. B. Smith.  |
| 1 Geddes, B. W. McEldowney.                | 5 Wessington Springs, I. M. Harrgett.                              |
| 1 Gregory (H. D. Seastrand).               | 1 Woonsocket, T. S. Bassett.                                       |
| 1 Herrick and St. Charles (W. M. Hubbard). | 1 White Lake, W. J. McClarinon.                                    |
| 1 Iona and Hamil (W. N. Potter).           | 1 Winner (G. W. Prather).  |
| 1 Kimball, G. H. Book.                     |  |
| 2 Lakeview Circuit (D. G. Evans).          |  |
| 2 Lane, J. L. Walsh.                       |  |

**THIRTIETH SESSION****RAPID CITY DISTRICT****2—C. E. Matteson, District Superintendent, Rapid City, S. D.**

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| 2 Belle Fourche, F. M. Faith.                                 | 1 Oral and Buffalo Gap (J. H. Gillespie). |
| 2 Boneita Springs (J. C. Baker).                              | 2 Piedmont (J. W. Weston).                |
| 2 Caputa and Creston (Julius Edlund).                         | 1 Philip and Quinn (S. C. Olds).          |
| 2 Custer and Hill City, E. J. Fish.                           | 3 Plainview, J. W. Hartley.               |
| 1 Deadwood, J. M. Tibbets.                                    | 2 Rapid City, H. W. Minish.               |
| 1 Draper (B. I. Hubbard).                                     | 2 Spearfish, W. E. Hartung.               |
| 2 Edgemont, P. J. Lawson.                                     | 2 Sturgis, A. H. Beardsley.               |
| 1 Harding (W. J. Stevenson).                                  | Sturgis Circuit, to be supplied.          |
| 2 Hot Springs, H. L. Case.                                    | 2 Wall and Wasta (Roy Palmer).            |
| 2 Kennebec, C. E. Hager.                                      | 1 Terryville (C. G. Wagoner).             |
| 2 Lead, Albert Hartt.   | Terry, to be supplied.                    |
| 1 Midland and Hays, C. M. Weirauch.                           | 1 Vivian and Presho, G. T. Matthews.      |
| 1 Murdo, H. W. Bunton.  | 1 Weta and Interior, R. C. McM Reynolds.  |
| 1 Newell, A. G. Campbell.                                     | Whitewood, to be supplied.                |
| 2 Nowlin and Capa, J. T. Gurney.<br>Oelrichs, to be supplied. |   |

**SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT****4—G. W. Rosenberry, District Superintendent, Sioux Falls, S. D.**

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| 2 Canton, A. W. Thurston.          | 2 Irene (Latham Ingham).       |
| 1 Centerville, W. E. Gale.         | 2 Junius, C. W. Langdon.       |
| 2 Chester, Frank Tanner.           | 2 Lennox, Olin D. Jackson.     |
| 1 Coleman, Olin M. Rifenbark.      | 2 Madison, G. D. Brown.        |
| 1 Colton, J. D. Stevens.           | Montrose, to be supplied.      |
| 1 Davis, W. S. Rowden.             | 1 Parker, W. A. Black.         |
| 4 Dell Rapids, A. P. Janes.        | 2 Salem, E. E. Hunt.           |
| 2 Egan, A. J. Hoyer.               | 3 Scotland, John Kaye.         |
| 1 Elk Point, S. B. Lowrie.         | Sioux Falls—                   |
| 2 Flandreau, T. B. Wilber.         | 3 First Church, J. W. Potter.  |
| 20 Flandreau Circuit (D. C. Arms). | 2 Jordan Church, W. N. Deller. |
| 2 Garretson, Nels Fanebust.        | 4 Valley Springs, G. N. Gage.  |
| 2 Gayville, H. E. Rice.            | 2 Vermillion, J. F. Gibson.    |
| 3 Harrisburg, O. P. Jackson.       | 2 Wakonda, L. A. McDonald.     |
| 2 Hartford, C. H. Graf.            | 1 Yankton, H. P. Eberhart.     |

## WATERTOWN DISTRICT

Orien E. Boyce, District Superintendent, Watertown, S. D.

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| 5 Arlington, R. E. Tarleton.                              | 4 Henry, Fred H. Ray.                                  |
| 1 Agar (Geo. W. Quayle).                                  | 2 Highmore, A. E. Hocking.                             |
| 2 Bradley, C. B. Cooney.                                  | 2 Hitchcock, S. W. Marble.                             |
| 3 Brookings, R. A. Bruce.<br>Blunt, to be supplied.       | 2 Huron, A. E. Buriff.                                 |
| 1 Broadland (S. B. Cook).                                 | 1 Iroquois, T. H. Trevithick.                          |
| 1 Bruce, P. H. Weston.                                    | 2 Lake Preston, A. E. Bennett.                         |
| 1 Burdette (H. D. Clark).<br>Castlewood (C. L. Wagenast). | 4 Miller, J. H. Kearton.                               |
| 1 Carpenter, Harry Lee.                                   | 1 Oldham, Thos. Ratcliffe.                             |
| 2 Clark, O. W. Butterfield.                               | 1 Oneida (Geo. W. Quayle).<br>Okobojo, to be supplied. |
| 1 Clear Lake, C. B. Dennison.                             | 1 Pierre, E. O. Machemer.                              |
| 1 DeSmet, Percy Kenderdine.                               | 2 Pearl Creek and Cavour (C. H. Bacon).                |
| 2 Elkton, A. L. Wilson.                                   | 1 St. Lawrence, John Oakley.                           |
| 2 Esmond, C. E. McDonald.                                 | 1 Tulare (W. M. Allen).                                |
| 3 Florence (D. G. Radcliffe).                             | 2 Trenton, R. A. Bruce.                                |
| 3 Garden City, R. G. Minkler.                             | 3 Watertown, F. F. Lewis.                              |
| 3 Gary, Fred Rawlinson.                                   | 1 White, M. E. Nickerson.                              |
| 1 Hazel, H. G. Ozanne.                                    | 2 Wessington, B. F. Stiles.                            |
| 1 Harrold (Geo. L. Gee).                                  | Wolsey, to be supplied.                                |

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Nicholson, corresponding secretary Board of Education, New York; W. G. Seaman, president; J. P. Jenkins, vice-president; C. V. Gilliland, dean, Dakota Wesleyan University; G. T. Notson, executive secretary South Dakota Methodist Hospital; J. O. Dobson, endowment commissioner Cornell College; L. L. Lane, conference Sunday School missionary; A. E. Carhart, conference temperance agent; Paul H. McBeth, assistant superintendent Anti-Saloon League; John L. Seaton, president of the College of the Pacific; Samuel V. Fer, professor in Simpson College, members of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Crowther, secretary department of income Board of Foreign Missions, member Wessington Springs Quarterly Conference.

W. J. Calfee, secretary Conference Evangelistic Commission, member First Church (Sioux Falls) Quarterly Conference.

J. A. Edwards, field secretary Methodist Deaconess Hospital, member of Rapid City Quarterly Conference.

Leslie Davis, E. E. Vernon, W. H. Evans, N. A. Christianson, Thomas Davies were left without appointment to attend school.

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| 2 Elkton, A. L. Wilson.                                   | 1 St. Lawrence, John Oakley.                           |
| 2 Esmond, C. E. McDonald.                                 | 1 Tulare (W. M. Allen).                                |
| 3 Florence (D. G. Radcliffe).                             | 2 Trenton, R. A. Bruce.                                |
| 3 Garden City, R. G. Minkler.                             | 3 Watertown, F. F. Lewis.                              |
| 3 Gary, Fred Rawlinson.                                   | 1 White, M. E. Nickerson.                              |
| 1 Hazel, H. G. Ozanne.                                    | 2 Wessington, B. F. Stiles.                            |
| 1 Harrold (Geo. L. Gee).                                  | Wolsey, to be supplied.                                |

## SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Thomas Nicholson, corresponding secretary Board of Education, New York; W. G. Seaman, president; J. P. Jenkins, vice-president; C. V. Gilliland, dean, Dakota Wesleyan University; G. T. Notson, executive secretary South Dakota Methodist Hospital; J. O. Dobson, endowment commissioner Cornell College; L. L. Lane, conference Sunday School missionary; A. E. Carhart, conference temperance agent; Paul H. McBeth, assistant superintendent Anti-Saloon League; John L. Seaton, president of the College of the Pacific; Samuel Wier, professor in Simpson College, members of Mitchell Quarterly Conference.

J. E. Crowther, secretary department of income Board of Foreign Missions, member Wessington Springs Quarterly Conference.

W. J. Calfee, secretary Conference Evangelistic Commission, member First Church (Sioux Falls) Quarterly Conference.

J. A. Edwards, field secretary Methodist Deaconess Hospital, member of Rapid City Quarterly Conference.

Leslie Davis, E. E. Vernon, W. H. Evans, N. A. Christianson, Thomas Davies were left without appointment to attend school.

## District Superintendents' Reports

### ABERDEEN DISTRICT

#### James S. Harkness, District Superintendent

The tasks of the pastoral office are both great and holy. Such are the men with whom I have been permitted to labor as pastors of the Aberdeen District. They are a noble band and true. Some day, the story of their trials and triumphs, victories and defeats will be recorded. But for the present an unpretentious and incomplete record must suffice.

I shall not attempt to speak in detail of what each man has done, that is plainly impossible. To speak of some and not others would be to make distinctions. Besides, if one man has accomplished more than others, it may be in part, at least, due to his larger opportunity. Where every man has tried to do his best it would be ungracious to pass by in silence the man who has toiled in some difficult field, where resources and possibilities are so limited, as to make any large and brilliant measure of success impossible, to sound the praises of him whose larger achievements have in part, at least, grown out of his larger opportunities. The only change in pastoral relations that has occurred during the year was the appointment of A. C. MacLean to Britton, to succeed Albert Hartt, who was appointed to Lead. This appointment has given perfect satisfaction.

#### Spiritualities

The spiritual life of the church and of the people has been kept clearly to the front. Special revival services have been undertaken in nearly every church. Revival fires have been kindled and nearly all of the churches report conversions or the deepening of the spiritual life. A few churches sadly report "no conversions," though special and personal work was faithfully undertaken. The pastors have largely been their own evangelists, some of whom have shown themselves divinely anointed for the winning of souls. God grant that this power may be cultivated and the gift become universal. The preëminent aim of the church of Jesus Christ must always be evangelism. Any emphasis, ancient or modern, which is contrary to the spirit of this statement fails to do justice to the teachings of Jesus and his apostles.

#### The Country Church

The exodus of our American population and the incoming of the foreigner continue, in many places, to deplete our communicant rolls in town and country churches faster than we can win new members. In many such places our remaining members face their difficulties and bear their increasing burdens with commendable patience, courage, and liberality.

A grave danger confronts us in our neglect of the little country church, many of them are what we are accustomed to designate as "problems." Yet every one of them is of strategic importance in the battle line of the Kingdom. Even our prosperous town and city churches could not exist without the backing of the little country church.

For in the future as in the past, it will be true our best blood and brains, and the sterling character which makes for leadership in every important walk in life, will come from the country. Our country boys and girls, more than any other class, crowd the colleges and halls of learning. The rank and file of the men and women, who to-morrow will mold the world's thought and turn the wheels of progress onward, are to be found to-day on the farms and in the small colleges.

Very manifestly, then, the minister who despises or neglects his little country appointment is lacking in the true vision of a prophet. These communities need socializing. They need the contact, acquaintance, and fellowship growing out of mutual dependence, of common interest, of united endeavor. I believe the church should be one of the main factors in socializing rural life, and that certain forms of social service, under her inspiration and direction, might powerfully contribute to our evangelistic success, and tend to make the church organically central and commanding in rural life. Such a movement provides an exceptional opportunity to enlist our laymen in a great work commensurate with their ability.

#### Membership and Reforms

Some gain has been made in church membership. Membership is one test, but only one, of church and pastoral success. The church of our day must not neglect pulpit, personal and lay evangelism, forget its world-wide relationship, nor overlook its community interest. Too long have we placed stress on names and dollars. A program that results in community regeneration and uplift may not make large statistical showing, but will count mightily in Kingdom building. We cannot but view with alarm the increasing disposition on the part of Christian people to convert the Sabbath into a day of pleasure and recreation.

The Sabbath institution is one of the basal stones of Christian civilization. We should maintain it inviolate and sacred to the great body of Christian believers who cherish it as the resurrection memorial of their divine Lord. If the Sabbath is allowed to degenerate into a holiday, or into a day for the transaction of secular business, or for entertainments, sports, or games, the sanctity of the day will be lost and the very foundations of the Christian church imperiled.

There is a growing general interest in civic, social, and physical righteousness, and the spirit of reform is manifesting itself in the various movements to secure better enforcement of law. No other evil in our land is comparable in extent, vigor, or cunning with the evil of intemperance. We have declared ourselves the unyielding opponents of the organized liquor interests, and out of thirty-six towns and villages where we have churches on the district, thirty are without saloons. I need not remind you that the Methodist pastors and churches had a hand in this task.

#### Sunday Schools

It is significant that a large per cent of the accessions to the church in recent years come from the Sunday Schools. It behooves us, therefore, to give money, time, strength, thought, and prayer to the formation of Christian character as well as the reformation of character. We have tried every-

where to emphasize the idea that, absolutely, the one most important work we have is the work of the Sunday School, especially when its vision is broad enough to see, and its plan large enough to include men as well as women and children. The Sunday Schools in general are doing better and grander work than ever before. In the early church, teaching was coördinate with preaching and equally instrumental in its growth. The next ten years are likely to be the most potential of all years in shaping the destinies of the world.

There are forces that make for the overthrow of dishonesties in public life, graft in corporate life, and the rebuilding everywhere of an honorable and Christian home life and patriotic citizenship. The function of the Sunday School is to teach the truths of the Bible as to effect under the blessing of its divine author, the spiritual birth, and growth of its members. That it is the most effective single agency of the church for inducing conversions is beyond doubt. The time has come when we must cease to rely on the magnitude of this institution or quote numbers as though these were the sources of power.

#### **Conventions**

All our conventions were successful and profitable. The district conference met at Britton and the spirit and attendance were excellent. The Epworth League convention met at Aberdeen. The attendance was the largest we have ever had at a gathering of this kind. Dr. Dan Brummitt was with us. The program was helpful, the addresses inspiring. The respective chapters determined to look up and lift up. The district cabinet has been active, the year has witnessed several recoveries and reorganizations. Several mission-study classes have been organized. We have some very active Junior League chapters, doing splendid work. It is doubtful, however, whether they can be trusted to take the place of the children's classes which the Discipline prescribes and which have far too largely disappeared.

A number of churches maintain such classes or provide in some way for the children who are recognized as probationers in the church.

The Ladies' Aid Societies have been, as ever, an indispensable factor in the life and success of the churches.

The W. F. M. S. is to me a constant joy. They led the conference in their work last year, coming up from the last place to the first, which place I believe they will maintain this year.

#### **Material Interests**

We have not paid as many old church debts. One reason is we have not so many to pay, and the other is crop conditions of the past few years have made debt-paying very difficult. A new church is in process of construction at Detroit on the Claremont charge. The Teare Church on the White Rock charge has been moved to the new town of Rosholt. Much substantial improvements have been made on church and parsonage properties. Redfield, feeling a need of larger and better facilities for Sunday School and social work, finished up the basement at a cost of \$3,100, and now has a very well-equipped church and a happy and united people. Bristol built a good barn and made other improvements. Andover, Britton, Conde, Twin Brooks, Frederick, Hecla, Langford, Leola, Mellette, Milbank, Sisseton, Peever, White Rock, Webster, Waubay, and Timber Lake also improved their property.

Financial matters have received careful consideration. Several charges have adopted better financial systems and others are planning to do so. This reform is fundamental, for until the worry and friction of poor financial methods are removed neither preachers nor people can do their best. Salaries, I think, will all be met in full. I have diligently urged the adoption of the new financial plan. Some churches agreed to adopt the plan, but none I think are using the duplex envelope. More churches will, I am sure, adopt the plan next year. There is certainly a quickening conscience on the part of the churches with respect to the pastor's rights and needs and a growing liberality.

More churches than ever are paying the pastor in full from month to month. The following charges will meet their apportionment in full for the benevolences: Redfield, Andover, Webster, Sisseton, Milbank, Big Stone, Cresbard, and DeVoe.

A measurable increase will appear in the response to the great benevolent causes; while it is not all that could be desired, yet it is encouraging, and points surely to the fact that when, by letter methods the people are made to understand the conditions and needs in the wider world field, they will respond.

#### Conclusion

I desire to express my deep gratitude to God for being permitted to do another year's work. I recognize his goodness, not only in the preservation of my life and health, but in the kindness of my brethren, both ministerial and lay, whose regard for my comfort and appreciation of my labor have been more than I could think of asking. I have tried to assist the pastors and people of all our churches to work out the problem of success. I fear the persistency of my appeals have sometimes taxed their patience.

The great door of the year's opportunity now closes, and we whose achievements come so far short of our aspirations may comfort ourselves by remembering God's interest in what we have sought to do in His name. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

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### HURON DISTRICT

#### G. T. Notson, District Superintendent

In bringing to you my fourth annual report, permit me to express the gratitude of my heart to the brethren who have helped me. Ministers and laymen alike have joined in making this a harmonious and happy year. This is by far the best year of the four on the Huron District.

#### Pastors and Changes

Most of the appointments have stood for the year as made at the last conference session. U. B. Arnold was changed early in the year from St. Lawrence to Pearl Creek and Cavour, and later resigned and returned to his former home in Kentucky. H. D. Seastrand was appointed to St. Lawrence, where he has enjoyed a good year. Cecil H. Bacon from Wisconsin has served Pearl Creek and Cavour most efficiently for the past six months. In December, Geo. H. Quayle was transferred from Chapelle Circuit to Oneida,

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where we have resumed services after several years' absence. June 1, W. H. Ringler was transferred to North Montana Conference, and Samuel W. Marble was appointed to Hitchcock. J. D. Evans, one of our supernumerary preachers, supplied Virgil, while the work at Wolsey has been temporarily suspended. Some of the best work done on the district has been performed by efficient local preachers without conference relations.

**The Charges**

Several charges present serious problems which tax the faith and courage of the preachers and people. Among these Pierre is to be named first, because of its importance and stupendous burden of debt. During the past two years, under the leadership of W. A. Wilkinson, \$20,000 has been raised and the indebtedness has been reduced from \$43,000 to \$28,000. Plans must be matured to provide for the remainder of the debt or the property will be lost, notwithstanding the heroic struggle of the local church, and the magnificent benevolence of many friends. The gifts secured by W. J. Calfee from Mrs. G. F. Swift, Louis F. Swift, and J. Ogden Armour of Chicago afforded great relief from a most critical situation. In this important work, Bishop Luccock and the Hon. Chas. H. Burke rendered invaluable assistance. The problem at Gettysburg presents another very serious situation. This church was built three years ago, and cost at least \$5,000 more than estimated, and upon dedication day ample provisions were made for all indebtedness, but many removals, poor crops, and a discouraging outlook have conspired to dissipate these subscriptions taken, with the result that the most heroic sacrifice will be necessary to save the church. The indebtedness amounts to \$7,400, with resources amounting to about \$5,500 of uncertain value. The indebtedness at Blunt, Seneca, Wessington, Rockham, and Harrold all furnish difficulties next to insurmountable in these communities locally. The indebtedness has been paid on the church at Miranda and the parsonage at Roswell. At Miller, St. Lawrence, Harrold, Blunt, Gettysburg, and Cavour the indebtedness has been reduced. By removal and change in the character of the population the work at Blunt and Wolsey will in all probability be suspended for the present.

**Church Property**

The conference year opened auspiciously with the dedication of the new church at Woonsocket. Dr. John S. Hoagland preached the dedicatory sermon, and Dr. J. P. Jenkins conducted the financial appeal. Four thousand five hundred dollars was raised to cover the indebtedness.

On the first Sunday in November, the church at Huron was reopened following replastering, repairing, and recarpeting, amounting in value to nearly \$1,000, all provided for and paid by the Ladies' Aid Society of that church.

On Sunday, December 21, the new church at Wessington Springs, the beautiful edifice in which we are meeting, was dedicated, after a remarkable day of service, of giving, and rejoicing on the part of this church and community. Eighteen thousand dollars was needed to clear the property of all incumbrance. The people gave freely \$21,000. Dr. J. S. Hoagland and Dr. William Grant Seaman were the preachers, and Dr. J. P. Jenkins, in his masterful manner, directed the raising of this magnificent sum.

Minor improvements have been made on our property at Broadland, Cavour, Pearl Creek, and Esmond. The vacant church at Willow Lakes has been moved ten miles to the northwest to the Gillis appointment on the Carpenter charge and placed in thorough repair, and reopened for worship at a cost of \$600.

### District Gatherings

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a most profitable district convention at Huron in June. The District Epworth League met at St. Lawrence at the time of the district camp meeting, June 27, 28. The fourth annual camp meeting at St. Lawrence was a great spiritual occasion. Dr. R. N. McKaig led the pentecostal services, and the Rev. Ira M. Hargett was the evangelist, doing the evening preaching. There were a goodly number of clear conversions and many sought the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### Revivals

Gracious revivals were reported from Broadland, Artesian and Farwell, Lane, Rock Creek on Roswell charge, Miller, Pierre, Tulare, and Harrold, with more than three hundred conversions. Good meetings were held at Willard Church on Alpena charge, Esmond, Hitchcock, St. Lawrence, and Vayland.

### New Financial Plan

Efficiency conferences were held in March at Woonsocket, Huron, Miller, and Faulkton in the interest of the benevolences and improved church finance, where the program of education has been followed by an every-member canvass in behalf of the disciplinary benevolences distinct advance will be noted. Because of the financial depression and the difficulty of making collections we fear there will be a decline in the aggregate amount raised this year for benevolent purposes. Not until we introduce the new financial plan in earnest will we be able to overcome such disasters.

### Church Periodicals

We use almost wholly our own Sabbath School periodicals on the Huron District. Last year we doubled our list of *Northwestern Christian Advocate*. This year we have succeeded in holding the list to the figure attained one year ago.

### Labors

The labors of the year have been arduous and exacting. We have given all our strength to the work of the district. But with it all I have found a real joy in my task. Thanking God for health and strength and opportunities offered for a humble place as a laborer in Christ's kingdom with gratitude to all my brethren of the ministry and laity, and committing my future into the hands of a gracious God, I submit this report.

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Mitchell District is still on the map, bigger than ever in the vastness of its territorial expanse, now covering an area of 26,500 square miles, and as big as ever in its opportunities for future development, containing several promising fields yet to be preempted for Methodism. Twenty-one preachers who are conference members in full or on probation, thirteen local preachers, and about thirty-six hundred church members and probationers have done faithful service on these charges. In some departments of our work much has been accomplished during the past year, in all departments something has been done, and on the whole, considering the distressing conditions in some sections, the results are encouraging and the outlook for the future bright with promise.

Several changes have occurred in the personnel of the district during the year. These changes seemed unavoidable and were due to circumstances we could not control. We are glad, however, that we did not lose anything in the character and ability of the men who took the places of those who left us. There have been no deaths in the parsonage homes this year. So far as I know, not one pastor lost a Sunday on account of sickness.

The two most marked achievements in material improvements were at Alexandria and Murdo. At Alexandria the church building was improved at a cost of \$3,500, and at Murdo a beautiful six-room parsonage built at a cost of \$2,000. Springfield sold the old parsonage, upon which there was a heavy debt, and is now building a cozy parsonage that will be paid for when finished. The Colome Church was provided with a complete basement at an expense of \$600. The Kimball parsonage was enlarged at a cost of \$900. We have paid about \$6,000 on old debts. There are now on the district forty-nine church buildings with a valuation of \$212,000, and twenty-seven parsonages with a valuation of \$57,000.

Some good revivals were held during the fall and winter. We cannot report a sweeping revival for the district and regret that a few charges report no conversions. Mr. and Mrs. MacMichael, evangelists, assisted in meetings at White Lake, Plankinton, Mount Vernon, and Platte with good results at each point. Some pastors conducted their own meetings and others exchanged help. According to the data I have at hand there have been about four hundred and sixteen conversions on the district, 358 baptisms, and 506 accessions to membership. Mitchell reports 160, Ethan forty-one, White Lake thirty-one, Armour twenty-four, Lakeview Circuit twenty-five.

A profitable session of the District Ministerial Association was held at Mitchell in May. The District Epworth League Convention was held at Plankinton in June. Rev. C. B. Harrold was elected district president. The ladies of the W. F. M. S. held one of their most successful conventions at Mount Vernon in the spring. The women's organizations on the district continue to surprise us. The forty-nine Ladies' Aid Societies report a total of \$11,765 in receipts for the year. The best reports are: Mitchell, \$3,665; Alexandria, \$856; Murdo, over \$600; Colome, \$565; Kennebec, \$525; Platte, \$400; Chamberlain, \$380; Tripp, \$376; Farmer, \$343; Geddes, \$340.

We have urged our pastors at various times during the year to plan an early campaign for the benevolences and to push the every-member canvass until the last man had been seen and the last dollar collected. Most of the pastors have been faithful and persistent. However, the results are not what we had hoped. Conditions have been unfavorable in some sections. Heavy local burdens, financial stringency, the removal of large numbers of our membership from some charges, the omnipresent foreigner reducing our congregations and buying out our people who move on to other localities, these conditions will make a very perceptible impression upon our benevolent collection reports. The rainy Sunday that closed the conference year will diminish our benevolent collections by several hundred dollars. The charges that report an increase over last year are Kennebec, Ethan, Colome, Dallas, Lakeview, Wagner, and Iona. The grand total for all benevolences is about \$8,500.

Mitchell District is proud to claim one of the great and growing churches of our denomination, the church at Mitchell. Dr. Hoagland is in his sixth year as pastor of this marvelous organization, and his popularity only increases as his pastorate lengthens out into the years. More and more do the people recognize and appreciate his splendid ability as an administrator, preacher, and pastor. This year the church has taken an advanced step in employing an associate pastor, Rev. C. B. Harrold, who has been abundant in labors, the results of which amply justify the official board in asking for an associate pastor. Here are some items taken from the reports of the pastors of this church to the district superintendent at the close of the year: Number of conversions, fifty-two; baptisms, eighty-five; accessions, 160; present membership, 1,180; pastoral calls, over two thousand; paid into the local budget, \$8,000; paid to benevolences, \$5,500; Sunday School enrollment, 1,500; Epworth League membership, 275; Ladies' Aid receipts for the year, \$3,665; W. F. M. S., \$936; W. H. M. S., \$390.

Under the popular and capable administration of President William Grant Seaman, Dakota Wesleyan University, the pride of South Dakota Methodism, has had another successful year. The total enrollment during the college year was 430; in the summer school and teachers' institute, 410. There were forty-one graduates in all departments last June. The outlook for the new year is most encouraging. The registration last Tuesday numbered 309. Rev. F. F. Lewis of Watertown delivered the opening day address. Both students and faculty spoke in appreciative terms of the splendid impression it made. The imperative need of the institution now is money. Dr. Jenkins, the field secretary, has labored faithfully and arduously during the year and brings in a good report. The immediate task is to raise \$100,000, part of which is to apply on the current expense fund, and the rest to meet the requirements necessary to secure the balance of the Rockefeller gift. South Dakota boasts the largest per capita wealth of any state in the Union. There are on deposit in the banks of this state at the present time \$90,000,000, being \$4,000,000 more than one year ago. The value of the crop products this year will exceed last year by \$16,000,000, according to the government report. South Dakota ranks third among the states in the number of automobiles owned in proportion to population. We are not a poverty-stricken people and we are not facing famine nor bankruptcy. There are 20,000 Methodists in South Dakota with a constituency of at least that many

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more, and we believe that our Methodist brethren have their share of these material resources. Surely, the splendid Methodism of this rapidly developing commonwealth will recognize the need of this institution that is doing so much for the life equipment of our young people and will heed this call for help and pour into the treasury of Dakota Wesleyan sums of money commensurate with its needs.

A unanimous vote of the fourth quarterly conference at Mitchell last Monday evening tendered the thanks of that body to this conference for its action one year ago in locating the conference hospital in that city. The Mitchell brethren also expressed the conviction in their resolution that work on the new hospital building should be begun this year. Every passing day but emphasizes the urgency of this great need. The Board of Trustees elected by the last annual conference organized during the year and incorporated under the laws of South Dakota and purchased a hospital site of ten acres near the university campus. There doubtless will be presented to this conference a plan proposing a new forward movement this year in behalf of the interests of Dakota Wesleyan University and the conference hospital that will, I am certain, receive the hearty endorsement of every member.

The year has passed by so swiftly that much I had purposed to do I have failed to perform and that fact fairly frightens me. I think it has been the busiest year of my life with no time for a vacation, but withal a year of great peace and contentment. The love of the work has lightened its burdens and eased its hardships. I have traveled 17,600 miles, preached 164 sermons, held 139 quarterly conferences, conducted 151 sacramental services, baptized twenty-three persons, and have delivered addresses on various occasions. I have had special satisfaction in preaching to the people out on the prairies west of the Missouri River. Often schoolhouses are packed for week night services and the people seem eager to hear the gospel message. I preach to no more appreciative audiences anywhere, and may I say to no more intelligent audiences, than to these homesteaders, many of whom live in prairie shacks and sod shanties. The uniform kindness and consideration which pastors and people have shown to me during these months make a heavy draft upon my gratitude to honor which I am pleased. I am inexpressibly glad that I am counted worthy to be associated with these men of God as colaborgers with Christ in the great work of the world's salvation.

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**RAPID CITY DISTRICT****C. E. Matteson, District Superintendent**

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

Rapid City District extends "from 102 parallel to Montana and Wyoming line, except territory in Lemmon and vicinity, and from Nebraska to North Dakota," thus covering the great mineral region and Government Forest Reserve of the Black Hills, as well as what was formerly the "Cow Country," or cattle range of western South Dakota, and reaching over thirty thousand square miles. In the center of this great territory lies the Belle Fourche Government Irrigation Project, comprising about 130,000 acres, now being settled, and ultimately to be the garden spot of South Dakota.

This is the missionary district, in fact, as only six of the twenty-six charges have reached self-support. Here the Woman's Home Missionary Society of our great church finds an appreciative field for its kindly ministries.

#### Federation of Churches

My first work as district superintendent was in perfecting an arrangement for a reciprocal exchange of church and property interests, between the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal Churches at Underwood and Wall. On October 13 the Methodist people of Underwood voted to transfer their interests there, to the Congregationalists, in exchange for the Congregational interests at Wall.

Considerable friction developed at Wall at the first, subsiding later, and leaving these two points apparently much benefited by the move.

We were not so successful with the Presbyterian brethren. When Dr. Shepherd and myself met the Presbyterian committee, on the field in March, we found such comity arrangements quite impossible.

#### Personal Notation

At the annual conference of October, 1913, Bishop Luccock appointed twenty-four men as pastors, leaving two charges to be supplied on the Rapid City District. The last of October, Rev. Paul McBeth, who had been serving most acceptably as pastor at Lead, since the Mission Conference in August, because of family reasons, asked to be relieved from that pastorate. Realizing the justice of the request, the people consented, and Bishop Luccock appointed him as assistant superintendent of the state Anti-Saloon League, where he has done most effective work.

In December, Rev. Albert Hartt was transferred by the Bishop from Britton to the pastorate at Lead. Under his ministry the work has prospered continuously. Brother Hartt and family are in great favor with all the people. Our thanks are hereby tendered to the good people of Britton and to Dr. Harkness, the district superintendent.

In January, Rev. J. W. Weston came to us from Wisconsin, to enter the pastorate at Piedmont. He is a good man, a hard worker, has a family, and purposes entering conference next year.

In May, Rev. W. J. Stevenson came from England, bringing his bride, to assume the pastorate at Harding. Though coming from England, Brother Stevenson is an Irishman, a fine fit, good preacher, and one of the best Bible students among us. Has unanimous petition for his return, and expects to enter conference next year.

The last of March, and following the hospital fire, the hospital Board of Trustees chose Rev. J. A. Edwards of Deadwood as field secretary for that institution. Bishop Luccock consented to release him from Deadwood, and appointed him as requested. He has been a great success as will appear elsewhere. The Bishop will be asked to continue him in this work.

In June, Dr. Weir came for the summer vacation, to supply the Deadwood pulpit. He did most acceptable work, was unanimously voted by the quarterly conference to remain as pastor for next year, but has accepted appointment to a professorship at Simpson College, Indianola, Ia.

### Building and Improvement

Material advancement has not been large, but, in spite of the hard year, some improvement is noted.

The new church enterprise at Boneita Springs, under the fostering care of Brother J. C. Baker, is slowly nearing completion. This is in the dry territory, and pastor and people may well say, with the great artist Turner, "Out of my poverty I have done this." Brother Baker is not "leading a forlorn hope," but building a monument for the days to come. The house is comfortable, an organ has been secured through the kindness of friends of the district superintendent, who placed it there in loving memory of one gone to the brighter world. It is hoped to have the dedication in a few months.

At Newell, in the recently settled portion of the Belle Fourche Government Irrigation Project, our pastor, Rev. C. G. Wagoner, has been leading as heroic a band of Methodist people as ever sacrificed for the church they love. The church building would have been altogether impossible, but for the fact that Brother Wagoner is not only a splendid preacher and Christian gentleman, but an architect and practical builder as well. His business is preaching the gospel of the Son of God, but he sometimes builds houses to pay expenses. We have had the benefit of his ability in both directions. Too much credit cannot be given to the people for their toil and patience as they have faced prevailing hard conditions. This fine little church, which will be one of the best buildings in that community, will be dedicated early next year.

While not given in detail, the following is a partial list and value of improvements: Belle Fourche, \$204; Wall, \$55; Spearfish, \$58; Hill City, \$16; Piedmont, \$20; Rapid City, \$382; Edgemont, \$25, beside \$325 on a long-standing debt; Weta, \$450, including Church Extension of \$250, carried over from last year; Hot Springs, \$30, and \$150 on an old debt; Oelrichs, \$60; Sturgis reports a total of \$250 payment on old debt, and \$50 improvements; Terry, \$50; Lead, \$60, and \$613 on indebtedness; and Custer, \$92.

### The Societies

The Sunday Schools are, as they have ever been since the days of Robert Raikes, the church's most hopeful and fruitful field. In many places on the frontier the Sunday School is the forerunner of the organized church. In most of our schools good work is being done. In others we sadly lack teachers and competent leadership. The report of pastors indicate that there is an increase in enrollment and interest. The Graded Lessons are coming into common use.

The Epworth Leagues are in a hopeful condition. Strong societies are found at Lead, Spearfish, Hot Springs, Belle Fourche, Sturgis, and Rapid City. Smaller societies on the circuits. A very successful district convention was held in May, at Rapid City. Fifty delegates were in attendance. Plans are already under way for a larger convention next year. There are three good Junior Leagues on the district.

Hard work has been done by the leaders of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, but it has been difficult to maintain organizations under the conditions that prevail. However, a considerable number are doing excellent work. Last year the W. F. M. S. had the largest contribution of any benevolence of the church. This year they held a most inspiring dis-

trict convention at Belle Fourche, under the leadership of the conference secretary, Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, and the district president, Mrs. Cox, and Secretary Mrs. Hartung.

Too much cannot be said in commendation of the work of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the district. Loyal to the church, these good women bring assistance, social and financial, everywhere. In many places, especially in the smaller charges, it would be practically impossible to continue the church without them. One society has reported seven hundred pastoral or church calls, made by its lookout committee, for each of the past two years. The following have reported their finances: Wasta, \$53; Belle Fourche, \$150; Edgemont, \$215; Spearfish, \$180; Harding, \$32; Piedmont, \$48; Weta, \$41; Lead, \$225; Oelrichs, \$106; Rapid City, \$418; Hot Springs, \$356; and Deadwood, \$300.

#### Benevolences

In most cases have been well looked after. I do not have full reports, but, in spite of changes of pastors in midyear and the prevailing financial depression, they will equal or exceed last year. No matter how sympathetic they may be, it is still very hard for churches, scarce able to pay their meager running expenses, to respond to the wider calls. Greater diligence by our pastors and early presentation might yield larger results.

#### Hospital

Rapid City District rejoices in the possession of that splendid institution, the Methodist Deaconess Hospital of Rapid City, which was reported for the first time to Dakota Conference last year.

Verily, this is a house of peace, mercy, and healing. Miss Wade, the superintendent, will bring this conference the detailed report.

On Sunday morning, March 15, just as people were on their way to church, the building was discovered to be in flames, caused doubtless by crossed electric wires. Hundreds of people joined the firemen in the work of rescue. The patients were removed without mishap. We secured such accommodations as were possible, and went on with the work without a day's delay. The fire loss, fully covered by insurance, amounted to \$3,111. One thousand dollars more from loss of business and inconvenience. We rebuilt at once, adding another full story, three sun porches full length of the building, elevator shaft, fire escapes, etc. The cost of repairs and improvements totaled \$5,000. One third was added to the hospital capacity, beside nurses' dormitory. After three months we began work again in our renovated and renewed hospital, thankful to God for His preserving care, and amid congratulations of multitudes of friends. During this time, and since, Rev. J. A. Edwards, field secretary, has had exceptional success in enlisting friends and securing funds. He is the right man for this place.

Miss Wade, our superintendent, is a graduate deaconess, a graduate nurse, a thorough housekeeper, a trained business woman, and devoted Christian. The patients speak of her in highest terms, the nurses in training love her, and her friends are numbered by her acquaintances. Rapid City Deaconess Hospital is safe under her administration.

We consider ourselves fortunate in having a Methodist surgeon, as good as any in this part of the country, a young man of great promise, a son of one of our Methodist ministers, Dr. F. W. Minty.

### The Main Point

In spite of a shifting population, and removals made necessary by another short crop year, the pastors' reports will show an increase for the district of probably fully ten per cent in church membership. Many of our men labor under extreme frontier conditions, peculiar to the transformation from the old order of "wide open towns," and careless living, to the more settled and permanent system. Nevertheless, these men "know the secret of the Lord," and the gospel preached hath been "the power of God unto salvation" to many believers.

The Bromleys held a series of evangelistic meetings at Rapid City, Sturgis, and Hot Springs, with most blessed results. These towns were greatly moved. One hundred and eighteen accessions are reported at Rapid City, forty-two at Hot Springs, and thirty at Sturgis. With these evangelists, as with others, permanency of results depends upon the spiritual leadership and Christian fellowship of the pastors and churches in conserving the fruits. So it ought to be. No careless preacher nor indifferent congregation should ever call an evangelist and expect to gather fruit in the Lord's vineyard. Ye shall see of the travail of your soul, and shall be satisfied. Meetings have been held on several other charges with varying results. Brother McReynolds, always abundant in labors, has built no church this year, but reports seventeen accessions. Belle Fourche reports twenty-one, Lead twelve, Spearfish seven, Edgemont six, with thirty-five removals, which made necessary the election of four different Sunday School superintendents. Fairview Circuit, nineteen conversions and thirty-one accessions.

Bishop, our field is well manned. We may say, as did John Wesley, as he was slipping out of the shadows of earth into the light of endless day, "The best of all is, God is with us."

### New Work

New work has been taken up on the following charges: Oral, Sturgis, Hot Springs, Harding, Hill City, Plainview, and Capa, a total of seven preaching places. The great circuits of Brothers Weirauch and Hartley have each six preaching points, and those brethren are sighing for other worlds to conquer by enlarging their borders.

Brethren, we need more men and more money at once, if we are to occupy this great Northwest territory of the Helena Episcopal Area. It is not the time to sound a retreat. Other churches are doing their work. "Let us enter and possess the land."

### A Sad Part

Bishop, I am come to the saddest passage of this report. In many cases pitifully small salaries are paid our pastors, in the face of the stern fact of rising prices on the very necessities of life. Yet there is little complaint. Several of our men are unable to attend this conference because of lack of money. Yet not a man has asked to be permitted to leave the district. No doubt the greatest hardship comes to the wife and mother in her unequal struggle to serve the family, the church, and community. I wonder sometimes that their faith does not falter. No nobler band of women ever lived in parsonage homes. God bless these devoted men and women. They know what Paul meant when he said, "Poor, but making many rich," and, how to "endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

Yet there are many things for which we are thankful. Death has not entered any parsonage home. No breath of scandal against any preacher's name nor member of minister's family has come.

Some conditions make a *pastorate* in the Black Hills especially desirable. Pure water, abundant sunshine, magnificent mountain scenery, the ozone from the pine clad hills, make health conditions almost ideal. It often occurs that people coming to us almost literally renew their strength like the mountain eagles. Health is more desirable than many other things.

#### Personal

I have traveled 13,200 miles, by railway, autos, carriages, stage, and four-horse freight team, with "trailer" wagon.

Have slept in trains, hotels, the best of homes, shacks, and once, at least, under the open sky among the sage brush, covered by a "tarpaulin" to keep us from the rain, while the coyotes made gentle music.

In all this, I have had splendid health and a good time. Pastors and people have been considerate, and apparently appreciative. I have preached the gospel with gladness, have seen some conversions, and come to this annual conference grateful to Almighty God, and glad to be a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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### SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

#### G. W. Rosenberry, District Superintendent

Dear Bishop Luccock and Brethren of Dakota Conference:

As I bring you my report of this year's work, you will, because of the careful study you have all given the superintendent's reports of one year ago, now recall the statement I then made—"that Sioux Falls District was at the threshold of a church-building and improvement campaign." This year we have crossed the threshold and are hard at the task of providing communities with churches properly equipped to do definite and efficient work in the name of the Christ we love to serve. We, therefore, will report first the results thus far achieved in the field of

#### Church Building and Improvements

Salem, under the leadership of Paul Gardner as pastor, last year picked up their little, long, narrow church; opened it lengthwise and, building in a sixteen-foot section, placed a fine auditorium over a well-arranged basement, bringing all well along toward completion by last conference. E. E. Hunt then came upon the field as pastor, led in the completion of the church plans, then took off his coat and went after the parsonage putting in cement cellar, furnace, bath, hot and cold water, papering, etc., so that both church and parsonage were reopened soon after conference, a full modern church plant.

On December 28, 1913, Dr. J. W. Potter of First Church, Sioux Falls, beheld standing before him in beautiful outline of brick, wood, and stone the reality of the vision he had brought with him to that city when he came as pastor two years before. His vision included a great church with every possible equipment for work in a large and rapidly developing city. In his vision this great church must be dedicated free of debt and thus be set free from the start to fulfill its important mission.

It was a little past noon on December 28, 1913, in the presence of a large congregation and with Bishop Luccock and Bishop Quayle in charge that Dr. Potter first fully realized that this vision had become a fact in every particular. One hundred thousand dollars is the cost of this splendid church plant, including parsonage.

The most wonderful feature in this movement was the building up of a great congregation and a great church building at the same time.

J. B. Dibble has had a fine year at Beresford, and a beautiful \$15,000 modern church building is now nearing completion in that town. At the time of its dedication this will be the second best church on Sioux Falls District, though it may have a rival in the near future in the East Side Church at Sioux Falls.

The proposed building of the East Side Church in Sioux Falls is the most strenuous undertaking now in progress on the district; its chief asset being a great opportunity. The East Side is a little city of itself and is growing very rapidly. No church of any size or with any proper equipment for service has yet been erected. It is our purpose now to put a church in that field that will be eminently well fitted for social service and every other proper form of church work. Wm. N. Deller, the pastor of the church, is a large man and likes a big man's job, but we have heard no call from him this year for more work. The church will have a basement 90x50 feet, consisting of a fine gymnasium, clear of all posts, and with fifteen-foot ceiling, shower baths, dining-room, kitchen, cloak room, etc.

The old church now stands in the rear and will be connected with the new auditorium as a chapel for the present. This project will cost \$15,000 when completed. The corner stone was laid September 25.

Ellis, one of the out-points on this charge, is now breaking ground for a \$2,000 church and it is expected that both churches on this charge will be ready for dedication at about the same time.

Irene, under the able leadership of Latham Ingham, will finish this fall also their \$7,000 church building. Five thousand two hundred and fifty of this \$7,000 is already secured by good pledges and dedication day holds no terrors for that enterprising people. Dr. Ingham during this year has shown us how effectively a strong man can put his life into a small town, and what large harvests are there waiting to be gathered.

Nels Fanebust, the much-beloved pastor at Garretson, now lives in a fine new and in every way a modern and model parsonage home erected this year. The new church basement at this point is nearing completion. This is the point that came to us through exchange last year and results have already proven the wisdom of the step taken at that time.

Wakonda, led by L. A. McDonald, expended \$1,100 in finishing and equipping their church basement for social service work. Their Sunday School attendance has doubled and congregations greatly increased.

Hurley this year furnished their church basement with large Axminster rugs, fine library tables, comfortable rocking-chairs, and suitable reading matter and games; then kept the furnace running all winter, with church parlors open every afternoon and evening. W. S. Rowden has been the chief spirit in this forward movement and the results have been nothing short of wonderful as to the grip the church has gotten upon the young people of that community.

S. B. Lowrie at Elks Point has plans well laid for a basement and other church improvements. P. V. Brethorst painted both church and parsonage at Alcester and grained all the interior woodwork of the church. Harrisburg plans for electric lights, new furnace, and new basement. O. P. Jackson has already secured sufficient pledges to insure these improvements.

#### Other Matters of Importance

There have been some changes in pastors during the year. Brother E. E. Saxton, appointed to Elk Point, found it necessary to undergo a second operation in January and about April 1 it was deemed best that he should have a six months' vacation, in which to recuperate his strength. Such vacation was granted him with salary paid in full by the conference. S. B. Lowrie, a graduate of Garrett, was secured for that place. About the same time T. J. Black of Kimball and Geo. H. Book of Davis exchanged fields of labor. P. J. King of Colton at that time stepped out of the active work for a time, to look after other necessary matters, and Chas. F. Springsted of Hamline University was secured for the place. With these exceptions all of the brethren have been in their places throughout the year.

Geo. N. Gage did not take our advice of a year ago to get married, but there may have been reasons as you may judge for yourself, if you have ever ridden in his former buggy behind the old gray horse. At least so his people thought, so this year they made him a present of a brand-new buggy and a fine driving horse, then increased his salary a hundred dollars, and told him to get busy. We shall see what we shall see.

John F. Gibson has actually gotten rid of Vermillion's old gray-haired debt and the people there are feeling lonesome. They are thinking of paying more salary. A. W. Thurston did the same for Canton and they are now talking church improvements. C. H. Graf has had a splendid year at Hartford, and will be able to report a net increase of forty-five members.

The following charges will report a net increase in membership of ten per cent or more: Alcester, Canistota, Canton, Egan, Hartford, Garretson, Hudson, Hurley, First Church, Sioux Falls; East Side Church, Sioux Falls; and Wakonda.

The highest number of calls reported by any pastor on the district for the year was 1,900; the lowest 130. Most pastors succeed or fail in proportion to the amount of pastoral work done.

We have a district deaconess, Miss Ethel Noble of Mount Zion, and she has already proven herself a wise, capable worker and now has many more calls than she can fill.

The extensive building campaign on the district may effect our benevolences slightly, but we think only slightly and we think the district apportionments will be practically met in full.

The district camp meeting at Canton, under the leadership of Dr. Hyde, evangelist of the Rock River Conference, and Dr. Butler of Detroit Conference, with Ben Price of Chicago as director of music, was the best so far held on these grounds. With the exception of three all the ministers on the district were in attendance this year. Freedom from debt and a widening interest promises to make this a truly great camp meeting from year to year. The program for next year now includes Dr. Butler for the pente-

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costal hour, Dr. Louis Albert Banks as the morning and evening preacher, and Ben Price again as leader of song.

The Ladies' Aid Societies have had an unusually good year on the district and are loyally and effectively backing every forward movement. Their attitude toward the better church movement is seen in the fact of obligations so willingly assumed, some of which we here give: First Church, Sioux Falls, \$15,000, with over \$4,000 already paid; Beresford, \$1,000; East Side, Sioux Falls, \$1,000; Irene, \$1,000; Elk Point, \$500. Everywhere there is a willingness to help where help seems most to be needed.

The W. F. M. S. of this conference will this fall have six young women in foreign fields and we are a bit proud of the fact that Sioux Falls District furnishes five of this number. Alice, Marie, and Helen Brethorst, Hilda Holmberg, and Faith Hunt represent our contribution to this work and we have given of our best. May God hear the daily prayers offered for these workers and keep them safe from harm of every sort and glorify Himself through them.

Now with gratitude to God, for the privilege of another year's work; for the fact that death has not visited any parsonage home; for the sweet little daughter that has come to live with Brother and Sister Hayes; for folk in every community who love Christ; for members on almost every official board who are at least as careful about the Lord's business as they are about their own; for the splendid lot of Christian young people in the parsonage homes of the district; for the fellowship of my brethren; and above all for the love of God the Father, praying with Paul, "To Him be glory in the church through Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen," I offer this report.

**WATERTOWN DISTRICT**

**Orien E. Boyce, Superintendent**

Dear Bishop Luccock and Brethren:

With deep gratitude to Almighty God, we submit the following report for Watertown District.

We have enjoyed a measure of prosperity. The crops, that promised such large things in the early summer, have only fulfilled the hope in places. Black rust did its work, and, as a result, the church has suffered. It is strange that people, who profess to have the love of God in their hearts, begin to curtail expenses by cutting down on their gifts to the church, but while we cannot praise all the people, we can praise God and be sure of our ground.

I have preached 129 sermons, beside numerous addresses. Have delivered one high school commencement address, and administered communion seventy-five times to a total of 2,556 communicants, this being an average of a little over thirty-four at a communion.

**The Pastors' Homes**

Sickness has entered many of our parsonage homes.

Brother John Wood was unable to be in his pulpit for months, and Brookings Hospital ministered to his needs for some weeks.

Brother Wilson was compelled to undergo an operation, and again our hospital aided.

Brother Wilber was very ill for several months and an operation was necessary; it was successful.

Sister McEldowney again underwent a very critical operation, and Sister Tanner passed through a similar experience. Sister Minkler was very ill, but an operation has brought health.

Sister Darling had a critical illness.

We rejoice that the hand of the Death Angel was stayed, and the home circles in our parsonages are unbroken.

#### Personal Mention

Brother J. F. Dunn, who has successfully carried on the work at Castlewood since Christmas, returned to school a month ago, and Brother Wegenast of Kentucky took his place.

Brother Dudgeon, who was appointed to Bradley, desired to return to his home state, Michigan, and the first of May the transfer was effected. Brother E. B. Cooney has carried on this work with credit.

All other pastorates remain as reported in the Minutes.

The homes of Brothers Boslaugh, Lewis, and Cooney have been made glad by the advent of little ones.

Brother Langdon, who came to supply Junius, returned to Canada and claimed as a Christmas gift, a bride. They, and Junius, are happy.

Brother Lawrence Layne has returned, much improved in health, and asks for work.

#### Special Work

We have conducted sixty weeks of special meetings with the following results: Conversions, 500; accessions, 394; our membership stands on roll 3,671, a net gain of 103; nonresident, 274; present probationers, 253.

#### New Work

Brother Tarleton has spent some time endeavoring to open work at Sinai and Como. The prospects are rather hazy, but may yield good returns later.

#### Assembly Grounds

The district has recently purchased a tract of land on Lake Kampeska for assembly purposes. I wish you could see the beach and grove. Come and take a plunge in Kampeska's cooling waters. You will be welcome. We hope to establish here a camping grounds where Christian people can spend their vacations without fear of backsliding.

#### New Building

The new church at Oldham illustrates what a small band of Methodists can do when they undertake for God. Nineteen members and no pastor, yet they have built and dedicated a church at a cost of \$4,200, including lot, with every cent provided for, and all, except \$300, paid in. Beat it, ye prophets of the farther West.

Elkton has purchased a home for her pastor, and the small debt is provided for.

Watertown will report the best church in the conference at its next session. Brookings built a \$4,000 parsonage, also a 30x60 addition to the church. The basement is for gymnasium purposes and the two floors above for Sunday School class rooms. A pipe organ will be installed at once. This gives Brookings one of the best-equipped churches in our conference. The money was all raised before the work was started. Remember these places are on Watertown District.

#### Improvements

We have been able to make improvements on many of our churches.

At Arlington electric lights have been placed in the church, cost \$55; a piano, value \$350, purchased; a furnace, \$160; and cement walk, \$50; total \$615.

Bradley, painting parsonage and other repairs \$100.

Castlewood, painting church, \$50; electric lights, \$44.

At Clark the church has been raised, set farther back on the lot, and a full basement added, making the property one of our best for progressive work; costs \$2,000.

At Bruce the church has been papered; the church and parsonage kitchen painted at a cost of \$148.

Clear Lake installed oak pews, costing \$205; electric lights in the parsonage and cement walk leading to parsonage; painting and papering amounting to \$220.

Chester put in oak pews at a cost of \$180, and Methodist Hymnals at \$25. Trees were set out around the parsonage. The parsonage has been painted inside; further improvements were new carpet and electric lights, \$100.

At Colman the church has been papered and hymn books and racks installed; the parsonage painted and repaired; other repairs at Wellman make a total expenditure of \$264.

At Doland electric lights have been placed in the church and parsonage; a maple floor in the church and rubber mats, also new paper; amount \$341.

Aurora, on Elkton charge, painted and decorated the church at a cost of \$150.

DeSmet purchased a piano at \$200. Florence built a barn at Graceland, also purchased an organ and pulpit, amount \$311; and electric lights placed in church at Florence.

Flandreau changed the interior of the church, thus increasing the seating capacity, and making it more pleasant; cost \$470; while parsonage repairs amount to \$81.

At Frankfort a garage was purchased and moved on the parsonage lot; cement sidewalk and curbing; total cost \$104.

The Garden City Epworth League finished the basement at a cost of \$296, also a chicken coop at \$50.

At Thomas, on the Hazel work, a Sunday School class purchased new pulpit furniture at \$90 and a \$160 furnace is being installed; song books, sidewalk, and carpet bring the total to \$355.

Henry has built a \$400 barn, purchased a piano, \$325, and carpet, \$70. Sixty-five dollars' worth of cement walk and curbing have been put in at Howard and the money has been raised for a full basement under the church, which is now going in. Howard parsonage is now fully modern.

Junius placed a \$225 piano in the church, while decorations on some parsonage rooms amount to \$12.

Lake Preston installed a new furnace, painted parsonage and church, and furnished gymnasium, costing in all \$456.

Madison installed a heating plant at a cost of \$1,593, and has just completed the new church decoration, making a total of \$2,225 for improvements.

White Church has new electric lights, cost \$90.

Making a grand total for church and parsonage building improvements of \$25,171. This does not include Watertown, where about \$45,000 has been subscribed for the new church.

Brookings Hospital: The Deaconess Hospital has ministered to the needs of many. I refer you to their report, which speaks for itself.

#### **Debts**

We have very little debt not provided for on our district. Three thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars has been paid.

#### **Junior League**

We report only six or seven Junior Leagues this year, but these are doing splendid work.

#### **Epworth Leagues**

We have nineteen Leagues in good working order. We held a five-day institute at Lake Madison last summer, but the elements were against us. We were rained in and many others were rained out. However, the institute was of great value. Two consecrated themselves for missionary work. Drs. Seaman, Gilliland, Brummitt, Shook, Houser, and Wickersham were present and all rendered strong service.

#### **Woman's Foreign Missionary Society**

There are thirteen societies and their offering amounts to \$2,185.60. Noble work of noble women!

#### **Woman's Home Missionary Society**

This branch is not as strong as the foreign society, but their cause is as worthy. Four hundred and seventy-four dollars has been raised and \$100 in supplies furnished.

#### **The Ladies' Aid**

Our noble women have been working overtime the past year. There are thirty-four societies, and they have cast into the church coffers \$9,481. They have on hand for next year \$711.23.

#### **Benevolences**

The regular benevolences have been presented faithfully by most of our pastors, and we expect to report in full for the district. Foreign Missions, \$2,409; Home Missions and Church Extension, \$2,000. Our emergency fund has been supported quite well. I am unable to report fully the amount raised. This cause is finding support in most places. Nearly \$400 has been raised. The educational offering will range around \$1,200.

## Reports of Committees

### TEMPERANCE

We rejoice and thank God for the recent marked progress of temperance reform along all lines and almost throughout the world.

We heartily approve the good work being done by all organizations coöperating for the extermination of the liquor traffic. We believe the Anti-Saloon League to have been providentially conceived as a medium of federation for all churches and other organizations willing to work together for this end, and we pledge it our support.

We feel that the time has come in which all good people should unite for the reëstablishment of prohibition as the fundamental policy of this state, and we request of those charged with the responsibility of leadership in such a matter that they promptly undertake the task, and for this object we promise our enthusiastic aid.

We earnestly admonish our voting population to be upon their guard against the wiles of the enemy, and to vote "NO" upon Bill No. One of the referred laws, the veiled purpose of which is to make wet towns and cities permanently wet, instead of, as now, automatically dry, unless those who profit from the traffic in death-dealing drink, by due process of law, secure each year the privilege to continue their wicked business.

We advise that all our Sunday Schools be organized into temperance societies, as provided by the Discipline, and that great attention to pledge signing be observed.

We reaffirm our approval of the utterance of our General Conference to the effect that no candidate for any office, which in any way may have to do with the liquor traffic, has a right to expect or ought to receive the support of Christian citizens, so long as he refuses to put himself on record as in accord with a crystallized sentiment favorable to its speedy overthrow.

We respectfully and earnestly ask of our representatives in the Senate and Congress of the United States that they use their best endeavors to have promptly submitted to the various states the proposed amendment to our federal constitution, prohibiting the manufacture, exportation, importation, transportation, or sale of intoxicating drinks to be used for beverage purposes.

We regret that it is proposed to secure added revenues for our government by increasing the tax upon intoxicating liquors. Such a step will but fortify the business and add to its lease of life.

We recommend to represent our church in the Anti-Saloon League of South Dakota: J. S. Hoagland, A. E. Carhart, P. O. Bunt, and E. E. Hunt.

A. E. CARHART, Chairman.

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES**

Covering the Period from October 12, 1910, to October 14, 1914

**Received**

From J. S. Harkness, General Fund.....	\$ 707.62
From J. S. Harkness, Interest .....	135.00
Interest Subsequently Collected .....	4,338.71
Collected on Subscription Notes .....	17,957.37
Loans Paid in or Renewed .....	13,870.00
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	\$37,008.70

**Disbursements**

Paid to Conference Claimants .....	\$ 4,475.00
Total of Loans Made or Purchased .....	30,197.87
Salary and Traveling Expenses of Treasurer .....	1,890.57
Printing .....	144.95
Stamps .....	207.12
All Other Items .....	86.33
Cash on Hand .....	6.86
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	\$37,008.70

**Present Assets**

First Mortgage Real Estate Loans.....	\$19,570.00
Notes at Interest, under Special Conditions .....	585.00
Pledges to be derived from legacies: One of \$5,000, one of \$2,500, four of \$1,000 each, one of \$500, total.....	12,000.00
Face of Subscription Notes, other than above.....	8,680.00
160 acres of land, value not determined.....	
Stationery, seal, cash, etc., about.....	20.00

**Report of Auditing Committee**

We, the Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Dakota Conference, met at Mitchell, S. D., October 14, 1914, and made careful examination of the treasurer's records and of the papers in his possession. All were found to be correct.

W. S. SHEPHERD.  
M. E. NICKERSON.

**THIRTIETH SESSION****DEACONESS BOARD OF NINE**

We announce the transfer of Miss Elva Wade from the Genesee Conference, Miss Dora Bridges from the West Ohio Conference.

We also renew the licenses of Misses Dora Bridges, Winifred Crouch, Clara Black, and Eleanor Moore. And recommend Miss Cornelia A. Rodenfels for consecration.

Reports were received from the Dakota Deaconess Hospital at Brookings and the Methodist Deaconess Hospital of Rapid City. It is with pleasure that the board notes the large amount and high standard of work done, and we heartily commend these institutions to the patronage and support of the members of our church and the citizens of our state.

R. G. MINKLER, President.

S. H. SHURTLEFF, Secretary.

**CONFERENCE HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Conference Hospital Board of Trustees met in Mitchell in May of this year. Those present were: C. E. Matteson, Rapid City; J. W. Potter, Sioux Falls; G. D. Brown, Madison; W. A. Wilkinson, Pierre; J. S. Hoagland, Lewis Shuster, James Keen, and S. E. Morris, Mitchell. O. W. Taylor of Aberdeen wrote to explain an unavoidable absence. The board organized by electing the following officers: J. S. Hoagland, president; J. W. Potter, vice-president; Lewis Shuster, secretary; S. E. Morris treasurer. Articles of incorporation were prepared and signed and the incorporation has been effected.

Several sites were examined by the board and the one unanimously selected was ten acres located on the South Side, just west of the university grounds. This site has been secured and partial payment made thereon. A committee was appointed on constitution and by-laws to report at a meeting to be called during the session of the annual conference.

The board met with the Committee on Education at the seat of the annual conference and the following action was unanimously recommended, namely; that the Conference Hospital Board of Trustees request the Bishop to appoint the Rev. G. T. Notson, D.D., executive secretary, with the understanding that Dr. Notson assist the university in its financial campaign for six months, after which he shall have charge of the work of raising the funds for the erection of the hospital building.

LEWIS SHUSTER, Secretary.

**THE DAKOTA METHODIST DEACONESS ASSOCIATION**

The Dakota Methodist Deaconess Association, incorporated November, 1912, made material gain during the year in the work already established and also entered new fields of service.

In the Dakota Deaconess Hospital, Brookings, South Dakota, from January 1, 1914, to October 1, 1914, two hundred eleven patients were cared for, with one hundred fifty-six operations, thirteen births, and four deaths recorded. The out-patients (the out-patient department was organized during the year) numbered twelve. Twenty days school nursing, another new feature of the association's work, were given and many home-calls made. Nursing services—not including school-nursing—pay \$5,521; free \$589.

A deaconess was sent to Madison, S. D., for church and traveler's aid work. Four deaconesses are connected with the hospital in Brookings and two are on leave of absence. Two graduate and six pupil nurses are connected with the hospital training school.

Resources of the Association, current accounts, from January 1, 1914, to October 1, 1914, \$8,367.55; disbursements, supplies and bills payable, \$7,887. Property value of Association, \$20,000; loan, \$4,500; six additional city lots adjoining original property were purchased during year, valuation \$1,500.

Christian social service reaches its highest in the deaconess form of service and it is the desire of the Dakota Methodist Deaconess Association that the people of South Dakota may be greatly blessed through this ministry.

A. S. Harding, President; Rev. G. T. Notson, Vice-President; R. A. Larson, Secretary; T. L. Chappell, Treasurer; Eleanor S. Moore, Superintendent and Treasurer Current Expense.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday Schools of America face the greatest opportunity in their history. The gradual elimination of religious education from the public school, and the secularization of our higher schools of learning, practically make the Sunday School responsible for imparting religious education to the youth of our land.

To meet this responsibility a new zeal for efficiency becomes imperative. The Sunday School must be made what its name and task imply—a school of religious education. For this reason we urge the members of this conference to give redoubled attention to the work of the Sunday School in the coming year.

We suggest that in this effort to improve the work of a local school nothing can be more important than a definite plan to secure capable teachers. The teacher training courses now being offered by our Board of Sunday Schools are so interesting and practical that there seems to be no reason why every school cannot have at least one teacher training class meeting at the Sunday School hour, while many schools can have this and other teacher training classes as well.

We recommend also that our pastors and Sunday School boards give renewed attention to the question of lesson material to be presented to the pupils. The International Graded Lessons in the Elementary Departments have now been in use long enough to demonstrate their efficiency in evangelism and in training for service. Whenever it is possible, we recommend that these lessons as published by our denomination be used.

The increase in Sunday School enrollment of nearly a million in six years, the planting of 1,700 schools, many of which have grown into churches, the 4,050 grants to needy schools are achievements over which the church rightly may have great rejoicing.

We recognize that the ability of the Board of Sunday Schools in carrying forward this great work is limited only by the amount of its resources and we recommend that our pastors and people give to the board the largest possible financial support and coöperation.

During the past year the work of our conference Sunday School missionary has been aggressive and satisfactory. We recommend the continuation of this office.

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We commend the work being done by our Board of Education through the Children's Fund. It has a fund of \$1,600,000, \$1,400,000 of which is to be invested in the education of Christian workers. In distribution of this fund our conference has shared in a most liberal way. During the past year there has come back to the students of Dakota Wesleyan nearly three dollars for every dollar contributed by our Sunday Schools.

(Signed) FRANKLIN F. LEWIS, Chairman.  
LOUIS L. LANE, Secretary.  
JAMES L. WALSH.  
WM. S. ROWDEN.

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**AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS**

We have examined the accounts of the District Superintendents and found them correct. We recommend that all Superintendents hand in all vouchers in their possession, together with the designation of the charge to which the money was applied, accompanied by a signed statement from the recipient of the money for the full amount received during the entire year.

(Signed) EVAN F. LOVETT, Chairman.  
R. A. PALMER, Secretary.

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**AUDITING CONFERENCE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS**

Your committee has audited the accounts of the conference treasurer and has found them correct.

(Signed) E. E. SAXTON, Chairman.  
J. E. MCKINNEY, Secretary.

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**SESQUI-CENTENNIAL JUBILEE**

WHEREAS, The General Conference ordered that there should be a general canvass in the church during the present quadrennium for \$5,000,000 for annual conference investments and the Connectional Permanent Fund, and the Board of Conference Claimants, with the approval of the bishops, has designated the year 1915 for the Sesqui-Centennial Jubilee Gift for Conference Claimants.

*Resolved*, That the Dakota Conference endorse the plan for a general, intensive campaign throughout the entire church to raise sufficient money for investments to create a dependable pension for all retired preachers, and that we engage in an earnest campaign in the bounds of the Dakota Conference to raise \$100,000 during 1915, to be invested by the trustees of the conference in behalf of all of the conference claimants, and that such campaign begin November 1, 1915.

*Resolved*, That we form a commission, consisting of the District Superintendents, one minister and one layman from each district, together with five at large, which will be the local committee which shall have charge of the campaign in the bounds of the conference.

*Resolved*, That the conference apportion to the pastoral charges four per cent of the pastors' cash salaries, to enable the stewards to distribute the full disciplinary annuity, so that the brethren who are now in the retired ranks may share in this movement.

**POOLING OF CONFERENCE RAILROAD EXPENSES**

WHEREAS, The effort to equalize the railroad expenses of all members of this conference who attended the present session has proven satisfactory and it is believed by many that the arrangement should be made permanent; therefore be it

*Resolved First,* That this conference shall elect annually a secretary of transportation, who shall be authorized to make such arrangements as may be possible with the railroads of the state for special rates, trains, courtesies, etc., etc., and also to work out such plans as may be necessary to equalize the railroad and stage expenses of all the pastors of the conference which may have been incurred in attendance upon the regular annual session of the same.

*Resolved Second,* That those who may be favored by the railroad companies with full or part transportation share equally in this expenses, and that those who may travel by auto, motor cycle, team, or otherwise shall charge no more than one railroad fare for the trip from their own residence to the seat of the conference and that such pastors as may be appointed to reside at a distance from any railroad shall present to the secretary receipts for the exact amount paid for stage hire at the regular rates for such stage trips and such stage expenses may be added to the railroad expenses.

*Resolved Third,* That the secretary shall compute the amount due from each member on the basis of actual car fare for such as ride on the railroads and on the basis of the railroad mileage for those who travel by all other methods, provided that all estimates must be by the most direct route from the station nearest residence of such member to the seat of the conference and return, and that no other incidental expenses of the trip shall be added.

*Resolved Fourth,* That all such as may be included in the arrangement shall meet the secretary at such place as may be announced in open conference, during the first day of their presence at conference and give account of or pay their just share of the expenses as may be necessary at that time, and that participation in this plan be required of every member of the conference in the effective relation receiving an appointment within the bounds of the conference and to all who may be in charge of churches and who attend the conference.

*Resolved Fifth,* That the secretary be authorized to appoint his own assistants and to incur such expenses as may be actually necessary to make proper preparation for the carrying out of such plans.

EDGAR E. SAXTON.  
O. P. JACKSON.  
H. G. OZANNE.  
M. E. NICKERSON.  
A. H. BEARDSLEY.

**THIRTIETH SESSION****CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

The following amounts have been received:

Brought forward .....	\$ 178.00
Reported from the charges .....	3,653.00
From the Book Concern .....	2,521.00
From the Chartered Fund .....	30.00
From the Connectional Fund .....	250.00
From interest on Endowment Funds .....	1,265

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Total received ..... \$7,897.00

Remitting to the Connectional Fund five per cent of the amount reported from the charges (\$183) leaves \$7,714 for distribution to our claimants.

We recommend that distribution be made as follows:

D. W. Chamberlain, Scotland, S. D.....	\$ 200.00
G. J. Corwin, Centerville, S. D.....	231.00
E. E. Dean, Huron, S. D.....	225.00
W. D. Deeble, Bath, S. D.....	300.00
W. O. Gram, Bath, S. D.....	160.00
J. G. Hall, Holtsville, Cal.....	200.00
L. Hartsough, Mount Vernon, Ia.....	425.00
A. Jamison, Correctionville, Ia.....	400.00
O. A. Phillips, Mitchell, S. D.....	350.00
D. Rifenbark, Big Stone, S. D.....	100.00
T. Simmons, Faulkton, S. D.....	350.00
A. E. Tanner, Mitchell, S. D.....	250.00
T. H. Youngman, Canon City, Colo.....	285.00
J. A. Wiley .....	250.00
John Wood, Clear Lake, S. D.....	400.00
Mrs. S. F. Brown, Hamilton, N. Y.....	225.00
Mrs. Myra Coon, Minneapolis, Kan.....	160.00
Mrs. Anna Cooper, 2 Talbot View, Burley, Leeds, England.....	300.00
Mrs. Alida Corey, Chehalis, Wash.....	200.00
Mrs. Achsah B. Curl, 766 E. 15th St., Oakland, Cal.....	230.00
Mrs. A. V. Fawell, University Place, Lincoln, Neb.....	185.00
Mrs. Frank Fox, Redfield, S. D.....	185.00
Mrs. Kate Hoadley, 612 Bright St., Seattle, Wash.....	210.00
Mrs. Elizabeth McLean, Mitchell, S. D.....	190.00
Mrs. W. F. Minty, Mitchell, S. D.....	190.00
Mrs. J. F. Norton, Mitchell, S. D.....	240.00
Mrs. H. M. Springer, Evarts, Vt.....	185.00
Mrs. T. H. Walker, Heber Springs, Ark.....	200.00
Mrs. Mary Washburn, Downer's Grove, Ill.....	185.00
Mrs. Thos. Wilkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.....	200.00
The Connectional Fund .....	183.00
Held in reserve as per action of the conference.....	320.00

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\$7,714.00

W. O. REDFIELD, Chairman.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

**WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

We rejoice at the continued prosperity of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and earnestly commend the noble work of this organization of Christian women, to the pastors and members of the church.

Dakota Conference has sent several consecrated missionaries into foreign lands, who have done efficient service for the Master. One district of this conference reports with joy that five young women are working for God in far-away lands.

We rejoice that this society is sending more servants of our Lord this year into the avenues of usefulness across the seas, and we pray that the God of all grace and peace may go with them and make them blessedly fruitful in His service.

Heartily thanking all who have contributed to this society and pledging our prayers and practical sympathy to this branch of God's kingdom, we ask the united prayers of God's children that our missionaries may be kept from harm and danger and blest by Him whom they serve.

(Signed) JOHN T. BRABNER SMITH, President.

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**THE SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION**

This commission commends to the favorable consideration of all Epworth League study classes the text-book, "The Social Creed of the Churches," as a most comprehensive discussion of problems of the foremost importance, about which all young Methodists should be intelligently informed.

The increasing influence and usefulness of the Methodist Federation for Social Service is to us a matter of gratification and we urge every Methodist preacher to become a member and study its literature.

We respectfully request the committee on program for the next annual conference to recognize the importance of social service by securing the services of the Rev. Harry F. Ward or some other qualified specialist to present a series of lectures on that theme.

M. T. HABGOOD, Chairman.

S. H. SHURTLEFF, Secretary.

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**EDUCATION**

Your Committee on Education offers the following report:

We again record our conviction of the vital necessity of the maintenance of our educational institutions if we would insure the permanence, power, and prosperity of the varied interests fostered by the Methodist Episcopal Church. In no generation of the past has the church had such need of a leadership trained amid the atmosphere of Christian culture as to-day. The oncoming generation of Methodists faces a task of unparalleled proportions. Intricate problems pertaining to the industrial and social order await a more adequate solution. The world of business and commerce is to be made Christian in practice as well as in principle. The nations of mankind now estranged and gory with the blood of battle are to become, no longer "strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens, and of the household of God." The outstanding need of to-day and of the to-morrow is a worldwide renaissance that shall be penetrated with the spirit of the Reformation, and a church leadership, both ministerial and lay, whose Oxford scholarship

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shall be tipped with the tongue of fire. For this we must look primarily to the Christian college. That which has been the chief source of the church's leadership in the past must continue to provide the Christian leadership for to-morrow.

That the educational interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church might be the better conserved and advanced the Board of Education was created. Its success in this respect has been gratifying beyond measure. Especially do we note with satisfaction the increase of efficiency under the able administration of its present corresponding secretary, Rev. Thomas Nicholson, D.D., LL.D. The past year has been rich in valuable service rendered to the church at large and to her educational interests. Material advance has been achieved both in the humble schools for the mountaineers of the Southland, and the larger institutions throughout the country. Twenty-nine schools have received grants-in-aid from the board during the past year. In several instances schools have been saved from disaster by this timely aid and helpful coöperation. In conjunction with the University Senate the Board of Education has advanced a policy of standardization that is greatly increasing the efficiency and consequent prestige of our schools. The assistance granted through the "Children's Fund" has enabled a total of 21,650 needy students to secure the advantages of a liberal education; 2,066 being thus aided during the past year. We bespeak for the Board of Education the generous support it needs and deserves, and the widest circulation of its valuable quarterly journal, the *Christian Student*.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the value of biblical training schools. The ever-increasing difficulties of our work in the midst of shifting populations, and conditions which change every year, demand men of the highest skill and ability, and the largest possible training. We find that Garrett Biblical Institute, Drew, Boston and Iliff Schools of Theology rank with the best in the land. All are well-equipped institutions, modern, progressive, and alert in adapting themselves to the needs of the hour. We express the judgment that our District Superintendents should direct prospective students to Methodist institutions in preference to those not under our auspices, and should aim to make it possible for the young men entering the ministry to attend one of these biblical schools and urge upon them the wisdom of taking such training as these schools afford before they consider their preparation complete.

We record with worthy pride the achievements of Dakota Wesleyan University. It has become much more than a local institution; it is a world force. Not only has our own commonwealth been enriched with a cultured and consecrated citizenship, but the college has given, from both faculty and student body, to the world-wide enterprise of the church a band of missionary workers who are introducing our Christ to the peoples of Mexico, South America, India, China, and Japan. Across the portals of the college are written in living characters the words of John Wesley: "The world is my parish." Dakota Conference has no greater privilege or responsibility than the maintenance and expansion of this institution. Its high religious and educational standards make it an asset for the kingdom of Christ that will bring large fruition through the coming years. To the presidency of this great institution has come one who is the embodiment of its ideals. President Seaman combines New England scholarship with the practical

spirit of the West in rare degree. He has shown himself a man of culture, of fine character, and sincere brotherliness. We bespeak for him the full confidence and loyal support of our entire constituency.

Dakota Methodism is year by year placed under great obligations to the vice-president of the college, Dr. J. P. Jenkins. Unselfishly, patiently, persistently, and with great skill he has been cultivating a spirit of generous benevolence among our people and thereby laying foundations for the educational work of the church that will abide forever.

After careful consideration of the situation confronting our conference college, we are convinced that it needs more than the \$100,000, which the conference has voted to raise, to bring it safely through its present crisis. We, therefore, urge upon our pastors and people the necessity of securing the entire amount pledged. To fail at this time would be a calamity to the cause of the Master and to Methodism beyond our power to measure. Success can be achieved only through the united prayers, persistent efforts, and great sacrifice of our people.

We furthermore recommend that we unite the collection for Dakota Wesleyan University and that of the Board of Education into one educational collection, and request Dr. W. B. Hollingshead, the apportionment secretary of the benevolent boards to apportion \$9,500 to our churches as equitably as possible for the next conference, the same to be provided for by the Discipline.

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### RESOLUTIONS

We, the Dakota Conference, assembled in our thirtieth annual session in the city of Wessington Springs, do hereby adopt the following resolutions:

1. That we congratulate the pastor and estimable people upon their beautiful, commodious, and conveniently arranged church building, placed at our disposal for this annual gathering.
2. That we highly appreciate the royal manner in which the people of the city have received us into their homes and cared for our temporal wants; that for such hospitality, the many courtesies extended by various individuals, committees, the Commercial Club, the local press and church societies, we are under deep obligations.
3. That we appreciate the efficient manner in which our brother, the Rev. I. M. Hargett, has prepared the program of this conference, including the services of Rev. John F. Harmon, and musical numbers under the leadership of Mr. Vessey, also the special selections by the Watertown District Male Chorus, conducted by Mrs. Boyce.
4. That in our resident bishop, the president of this conference, the Rev. Naphtali Luccock, we have found a friend, a brother, and an inspiring leader whom we hope may preside over our next annual conference.
5. That we wish to express our confidence in Almighty God, giving him thanks for all material blessings, and gratitude that we have been spared the national calamities of pestilence, famine, and war.
6. That we record our heartiest appreciation of the splendid service rendered this conference by the speakers representing the various boards and societies of the church.

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7. That we extend our thanks to the people of the country surrounding Wessington Springs for the splendid dinner Monday, furnished by them to the conference free gratis.

Committee:

A. W. THURSTON.  
A. M. LOTT.  
R. E. TARLETON.

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**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Your Committee on Foreign Missions reports as follows:

We rejoice that great religious movements have marked the past year throughout all our foreign missions.

In spite of revolution and the enforced absence of the missionaries, our churches in Mexico, under their own native preachers, have gone forward courageously, without interruption or loss.

In South America revivals begin to appear in practically all the republics where we operate. Over one thousand conversions have been reported in the last six months.

There is a renewal of religious fervor in Korea. Great crowds attend the preaching of the Word and the tide of interest is constantly rising.

The youth of China are more accessible than ever. These are vital days for this great republic, and the Methodist Episcopal Church is being used of God in an extraordinary way.

Revival movements of great magnitude continue in India. It may safely be said that with an increased agency 100,000 converts could be brought into the church in India annually during the next ten years.

Africa is astir with a new life. The country is being penetrated by the commercial agencies of Europe. The Moslem advance is rapidly developing. The black millions are accessible and responsive to a remarkable degree.

The situation in Europe is particularly distressing. In the warring nations practically all of our pastors have gone to the front. The Methodist Theological School at Frankfort, Germany, is closed, all the students having been drafted into the army. Bishop Nuelsen reports that, unless early relief is secured, much of our church property will have to be sold for whatever can be realized to meet the demands of creditors. The flock of Christ is shepherdless and in sore distress. We commend them to the prayerful and practical sympathy of our people and urge that speedy help be sent to these our brothers and sisters in misfortune. In view of the foregoing needs and opportunities we urge upon the pastors of the Dakota Conference an untiring effort to secure the apportionment for foreign missions in full as a minimum.

Committee:

J. B. DIBBLE.  
H. G. OZANNE.  
F. E. MORRISON.  
I. M. HARGETT.  
T. H. TREVITHICK.

**COMMITTEE ON THE EPWORTH LEAGUE**

We notice with satisfaction the increased interest in the work of the League as indicated by the number of conventions and institutes held during the past year within the borders of our conference, and trust that the result will be seen in greater interest in the local chapters.

We direct attention to the program of work as outlined by the General Secretary of the League, and suggest that the chapters make special effort to carry out the plan, especially the "Win-My-Chum" campaign.

We endorse the effort now being made to effect a permanent state organization of the League, and pledge our hearty support.

FRED RAY, Chairman.

A. C. MACLEAN, Secretary.

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**HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

Realizing that the church at home must be kept alive if the world is to be redeemed and that the Home Missionary and Church Extension Society is doing much toward this end by donations and loans and that it can only do its work as it is sustained by the hearty coöperation of the pastors and laymen, we urge all our pastors to present its claims in the churches and to never be satisfied with less than the apportionment and to take a holy pride in exceeding as far as is compatible with other obligations the amount asked.

M. E. NICKERSON, Chairman.

A. P. JANEŠ.

F. B. DUNN.

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**FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY**

We, your Committee on Freedmen's Aid, respectfully submit the following report:

In view of the fact that our brethren of the colored churches have so magnificently responded to the call for the Jubilee Fund inaugurated two years ago, we, your committee, recommend that the Dakota Annual Conference urge our churches to respond liberally in completing our share of that fund.

We further recommend that the apportionment for the Freedmen's Aid Society of 1915 be raised in full.

R. B. HUGHES, Chairman.

A. J. HOYER, Secretary.

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**CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS' COMMITTEE**

It is with pleasure we note an increase over last year of about \$1,000 from all sources, in the fund placed at the disposition of the Board of Conference Stewards for distribution among the honored men and women dependent upon it, but the necessities of these noble men and women, many of whom have given all of life's active days to the service of God and the church.

We urge upon the attention of the conference the fact that if the law of prorating ministerial support had been rigidly observed, nearly \$1,000 more would have been available. We, therefore, reiterate the position taken at the last annual conference (1) urging every pastor to instruct his people

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upon this important matter, and (2) that the matter of prorating the amount received for pastoral support be scrupulously observed by each pastor.

And also that the District Superintendents be requested to carefully inquire at the fourth quarterly conference of each charge if the provisions of the Discipline have been carried out.

J. B. DIBBLE, Chairman.

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The committee recommends the following division of territory. For the Brookings Hospital:

Marshall, Day, Roberts, Grant, Codington, Clark, Duel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Brookings, Beadle, and Hand Counties, also the north half of Mineral Lake and Moody Counties, the territory north of the Milwaukee Railroad.

Rapid City: All of the territory west of the Missouri River, also Campbell, McPherson, Brown, Edmunds, Walworth, Spink, Potter, Faulk, Sully, and the north half of Hyde County, the territory north of the Northwestern Railroad.

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ON THE  
RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING A CAMPAIGN FOR \$100,000  
FOR DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

The Committee on Education reports as follows:

First, That a Conference College Campaign Committee be formed to consist of the Bishop, the District Superintendents, a layman and a minister from each conference district, the executive secretary of the campaign, a representative of the Board of Education of our church, the president and the vice-president of Dakota Wesleyan University.

Second, That the Laymen's Association be requested to elect the lay members of the Conference College Campaign Committee, and that the ministerial members be appointed by the District Superintendents.

Third, That the Conference College Campaign Committee shall be authorized to carry out such plans, to employ such assistance, and to secure or create such literature as shall be necessary for the success of the campaign, and that it shall be a central clearing house for all matters pertaining to the campaign.

Fourth, That the Conference College Campaign Committee be authorized to raise an Executive Committee, if that shall seem best, the Executive Committee to have so much authority as the Campaign Committee shall bestow upon it.

Fifth, That a District Committee be formed in each conference district, to be responsible under the central committee for the success of the campaign in its district.

Sixth, That the District Superintendent and the minister and layman from each district who are members of the Conference College Campaign Committee shall constitute a nucleus of the committee in each district, and shall have power to add to their number as many additional ministerial and lay members as they shall deem essential to the success of the campaign in their district.

Seventh, That the cabinet be authorized to apportion to the districts the amount to be raised if that seems wise, and to make at any subsequent time such reapportionment as may seem necessary and wise.

Eighth, That the salary of the executive secretary while he is working in the campaign be paid out of the campaign fund, and that its amount shall be such part of the salary for the year as the time spent in the campaign is of the conference year.

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**COMMITTEE ON PIERRE CHURCH**

We express our appreciation of the great assistance of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and for its special consideration in the offer of a loan of the last \$10,000 to clear up the debt, when all conditions are met.

We further express our thanks to the members of the conference who have generously aided in the campaign carried on this year.

We are pleased to report that the debt has been greatly reduced during the last two years and that the great interest account has been paid to date. The church at Pierre is giving heroically to keep up the current expenses.

We find that \$28,000 must be secured to save this property. We further recommend that a committee be raised, consisting of the District Superintendents and one layman from each district, to devise ways and means for the relief of the Pierre Church; that we request this committee to meet for this purpose within thirty days from the adjournment of this conference and that we pledge the hearty assistance and coöperation of this conference in the plans of such committee.

(Signed) COMMITTEE.

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**WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

We note with pleasure the great achievements and increased contributions of the W. H. M. S. for the past year.

We commend the work of the Deaconess Hospital, located at Rapid City. The lives of so many of our pastors and their families and laymen have been spared and have been restored to health through the agency of this institution that it has proven itself an absolute necessity in the solution of the problems of western South Dakota.

Many of our pastors are serving on such meager salaries that it would be impossible for them to hold their fields and continue their work were it not for the timely aid given by the W. H. M. S.

These considerations lead us to recommend (1) the organization and support of an auxiliary on every charge, (2) the opening of our pulpits to the representatives of this society, and (3) our hearty coöperation with the conference and district secretaries.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. CASE, Chairman.

O. P. JACKSON, Secretary.

GEO. D. EGNER.

FRED H. RAY.

C. B. HARROLD.

### **THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE**

The new financial plan adopted by the last General Conference and promoted by the Commission on Finance has proved its worth in our own and other conferences of Methodism.

The plan in operation does provide for the local and benevolent budget, quickens the spiritual life of the church, discovers new and valuable workers, adds new members, and delegates to the background chronic deficits and inadequate money raising expedients.

That our conference may be in unison with our disciplinary plan of finance and participate generally in its benefits, we propose the following as our policy and program:

1. That we do the church business in the church way, which means the carrying out of the financial plan adopted by Methodism, paying every week to the local and benevolent church budgets, so that at the end of each week the church shall be paid up to date and its utility and credit standing in the community be assured.

2. That we instruct our District Superintendents to lay siege to every quarterly conference still in financial anarchy and mobilize it for the every-member canvass, and that they study into any failures and encourage the churches to try again according to the plan.

3. That we commend the supplies provided by the Commission on Finance and urge every District Superintendent and pastor to secure them, having in mind the introduction of the plan at the earliest possible date.

4. That this movement be conference wide and made operative in the conference year, we hereby request that, during September, 1915, five financial plan institutes be held, one on each district, to be followed up by a canvass in accordance with this plan for both local budget and benevolences for the year 1915-16.

G. W. ROSENBERRY.  
W. S. SHEPHERD.  
C. E. MATTESON.  
JAS. S. HARKNESS.  
ORIEN E. BOYCE.

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Since Sunday baseball is changing the holy Sabbath into a holiday and keeping thousands from our places of worship, especially our young people, and making it practically impossible to conduct services in our rural districts, be it resolved, that we urge upon our legislators to enact at the coming session a law prohibiting the game on that day.

### **SABBATH OBSERVANCE**

We deeply deplore the present public trend to make the Sabbath a holiday instead of keeping it a holy day.

We declare ourselves in hearty sympathy with every effort to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath and pledge our hearty support to every official in his enforcement of the law and, furthermore, that we will not be silent when an official refuses to discharge his duty in enforcing the law with reference to the Sabbath.

EDGAR E. SAXTON, President.  
HARRY LEE, Secretary.

## Minutes of Laymen's Association of 1914

The Methodist Laymen's Association of the Dakota Conference held their annual meeting at Wessington Springs, Friday and Saturday, October 9th, and 10th, 1914.

The first event on the program this year was an address by Hon. Ludwig Arctander of Minneapolis, entitled "Christianity, a Man's Religion, and How to Interest Men In It." Mr. Arctander is a prominent layman in Minneapolis church work and his address proved very helpful.

Saturday morning the Association met in the west room of the Methodist Church. In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary and Mr. Frank B. Smith, Vice-President from Watertown District took the chair.

The first number on the program was an address, "Why South Dakota Laymen Should Support Equal Suffrage," by Mrs. Anna Simmons of Faulkton, President of the South Dakota W. C. T. U. This address was followed by a discussion of a number of members of the Association in that department.

Following this address, President Seaman of Dakota Wesleyan University presented the financial statement of the school. Dr. Thomas Nicholson, Secretary of the General Education Board of this church made an appeal to the members of the Association to support the work of Dakota Wesleyan. President Seaman then requested that the Laymen elect a committee of one from each District in the Conference to coöperate with a committee of equal numbers from the Ministerial Conference in planning and carrying forward a campaign to secure \$100,000.00 additional funds for Dakota Wesleyan. The selection of this committee was referred to the regular committee on Dakota Wesleyan.

Prof. S. D. Van Benthuyzen then presented a very valuable paper on "The Efficient Sunday School." After this, the Association adjourned to visit the Ministerial Conference at their session. At the joint session of the Association and the Conference, Dr. Kimball of Iowa presented the new financial plan of the church and discussed the method of putting the plan into operation in the churches. The members of the Association then took luncheon together in the basement of the Methodist Church. Owing to the confusion prevailing, it was impossible to carry out the original plan of having toasts at this luncheon.

The afternoon session of the Association was called to order at 2:15 P. M. by President J. A. Pool of Redfield. The new financial plan of the church was then presented for discussion by Mr. Lewis Shuster of Mitchell. This proved to be a very interesting subject, and the discussion was entered into heartily by a number of members. At the close of the discussion we had a very valuable paper entitled, "Are We in Earnest?" by Mr. U. G. Johnson of Redfield. This closed the program for 1914, and the Association then proceeded to transact their business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read together with the financial statement. The Secretary stated that but five charges in the Conference had complied with the agreement made in 1913 by the cabinet to levy

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an assessment of one fourth of one per cent of the ministers' salary for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Association. The Secretary stated that he had presented this matter to the cabinet again and that they had agreed to take up a collection from the members of the Conference to meet the deficit caused by this oversight and that a special effort would be made to have this assessment taken care of from the various appointments next year. He also stated that there was still a deficit of some \$15.00 in the amount of funds on hand, and Mr. McDonald of Mt. Vernon moved that the members of the Association take up a collection to meet this deficit. Motion carried, and collection taken amounting to \$14.00.

The committees which had been appointed before noon then reported as follows:

Committee on Nominations made the following report:

For President, Dr. F. W. Minty, Rapid City, S. D.

For Vice-President, V. T. Reynolds, Dell Rapids, S. D., Sioux Falls District.

W. M. McDonald, Mt. Vernon, S. D., Mitchell District.

U. G. Johnson, Redfield, S. D., Aberdeen District.

E. M. Ellis, Brookings, S. D., Watertown District.

Hon. S. E. Willson, Hot Springs, S. D., Rapid City District.

Secretary and Treasurer, A. T. Downey, Mitchell, S. D.

This report was signed by the following:

J. M. JOHNSTON, Bradley, S. D.

DR. B. A. BOBB, Mitchell, S. D.

MRS. A. S. LOVEALL, Howard, S. D.

CHAS. H. STEPHENS, Tulare, S. D.

G. S. PULIS, Lake Preston, S. D.

Members of Committee.

The chairman of the committee moved that the rules of the Association be suspended and the President authorized to cast a unanimous vote for the persons nominated. The motion was carried, and the above named officials were declared elected for the ensuing year.

The committee on Resolutions then reported as follows:

**RESOLVED:**

1st: That we appreciate the courtesy extended to us by the Conference in granting us Friday evening for the presentation of the Laymen's work.

2nd: That we extend our gratitude to the present officers of the Laymen's Association and to those who assisted in the program to make it a success.

3rd: That we pledge our hearty support to the proposition presented to this Association outlining the financial plan for the Dakota Wesleyan University to be completed May 1st, 1915.

4th: That we endorse the action of the Dakota Conference in reference to Pierre Church.

5th: That we are in sympathy with the principles of Equal Suffrage and pledge our support to the movement.

6th: That we believe in the cause of National Prohibition and ever labor to promote the same.

7th: That we greatly appreciate the gracious hospitality of the people of Wessington Springs irrespective of denominations for opening their hearts and homes for the comfort and pleasure of the Association.

8th: That we as Laymen and workers together in Christ's vineyard, the laity of the church, enjoy and feel to the fullest extent the ties that bind them to the Christian Ministry, and that we pledge to our brothers in the ministry our loyal coöperation in every detail of the service to the Master.

SIGNED: U. G. JOHNSON, Redfield, S. D.

MRS. G. E. LONG, Salem, S. D.

W. M. McDONALD, Mt. Vernon, S. D.

WM. J. MUNDT, Pierre, S. D.

C. V. FOX, Wessington Springs, S. D.

Members of Committee.

Moved and carried that the report of this committee be accepted and the resolutions put on the records of the Association.

Committee on Dakota Wesleyan reported the selection of the following persons to act as campaign committee asked for by President Seaman:

J. O. Gordon, Yankton, S. D., Sioux Falls, District.

U. G. Johnson, Redfield, S. D., Aberdeen District.

A. T. Downey, Mitchell, S. D., Mitchell District.

J. M. Johnston, Bradley, S. D., Watertown District.

S. E. Wilson, Rapid City, S. D., Rapid City District.

SIGNED: LEWIS SHUSTER, Mitchell, S. D.

A. W. CARPENTER, Andover, S. D.

A. B. DARLING, Mitchell, S. D.

WESLEY STYLES, Sioux Falls, S. D.

F. W. SCHULTZ, Junius, S. D.

**Financial Report for 1914 Presented by A. T. Downey, Secretary-Treasurer:**

Balance on hand October 8th, 1913.....\$2.25

**Received from Churches as Follows:**

De Voe Charge .....	\$1.50
Tripp, S. D. ....	1.25
Mt. Vernon, S. D. ....	2.75
Mitchell M. E. Church .....	6.00
Andover .....	2.50
Collection taken by Ministerial Conference .....	40.00
Collection taken by the Lay Association .....	14.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>

**Expenses Paid as Follows:**

Coxe & Durkee, Mitchell, S. D. ....	\$1.75
Printing of credentials .....	
Printing Programs .....	9.75
Telephone .....	.35
Postage .....	2.51
Stenographer .....	8.00
Mr. Ludwig Arctander, Minneapolis .....	50.00
Telegrams .....	1.10
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$73.46</b>
Deficit .....	\$3.21

Moved and carried that we do now adjourn.

A. T. DOWNEY, *Secretary.*

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## CONFERENCE NECROLOGY

Name	Place of Death	Time of Death.	Age	Years in Ministry	Conference Relation
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, D.....	1871	41	15	..... Effective
Thomas M. Williams..	Bridgewater, D.....	1881	50	24	..... Effective
William H. Hoadley....	Huron, D.....	1886	51	16	.... Supernum.
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Ind.....	1887	57	16	..... Effective
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	..	..... Effective
Wm. Vivian .....	San Fernando, Cal...	1888	45	8	.... Supernum.
Chas. B. Gilbert.....	St. Catherine, Can..	1889	..	1	... Probationer
Stanley B. Smith.....	Pierpont, S. D.....	1889	..	1	... Probationer
Ira A. Sparks.....	Armour, S. D.....	1894	29	9	..... Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown...	Thomasburg, Ont....	1894	32	6	.... Supernum.
Geo. B. Dodd.....	Coleman, S. D.....	1895	36	2	... Probationer ●
A. R. Boggs.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1899	64	29	..... Superan.
Oliver H. Sproul.....	Northville, S. D....	1899	53	26	..... Effective
Francis A. Burdick...	University Pl., Neb..	1900	28	43	..... Superan.
H. T. Curl.....	Oakland, Cal.....	1901	60	33	..... Superan.
Hiram S. Coon.....	Kampeska, S. D.....	1902	45	6	..... Effective
Colin T. Cooper.....	Faulkton, S. D.....	1903	35	4	..... Effective
Geo. H. Parker.....	Andover, S. D.....	1903	35	8	..... Effective
Sanford Washburn....	Chicago, Ill.....	1904	74	15	..... Superan.
Francis T. Nicholls....	Alcester, S. D.....	1904	46	15	..... Effective
Wm. H. Coy.....	Seattle, Wash.....	1904	54	19	.... Supernum.
Wm. Underwood.....	White Lake, S. D....	1906	74	53	..... Superan.
Lachlin McLean.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1907	59	26	..... Effective
T. H. Walker.....	Siloam Springs, Ark.	1908	72	36	..... Superan.
S. F. Brown.....	Selby, S. D.....	1908	83	49	..... Superan.
Henry Preston.....	DeSmet, S. D.....	1909	40	10	..... Effective
W. F. Minty.....	Ethan, S. D.....	1911	67	28	..... Superan.
Oliver Williams.....	Mitchell, S. D.....	1910	75	45	..... Superan.
Frank Fox.....	Des Moines, Ia.....	1911	45	13	.... Supernum.
H. M. Springer.....	Hartford, Vt.....	1913	..	52	..... Retired
F. J. Norton.....	Yankton, S. D.....	1912	..	..	..... Retired
Thos. Wilkinson.....	Siloam Springs, Ark.	1914	76	44	..... Retired

## SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE

Date	Place	President	Mem'rs	Secretary
Sept., 1880,	Yankton .....	Bishop Warren .....	1050	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1881,	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Hurst .....	1366	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1882,	Parker .....	Bishop Merrill .....	1504	Wm. McCready
Oct., 1883,	Huron .....	Bishop Simpson .....	2782	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1884,	Mitchell .....	Bishop Andrews .....	4469	D. Rifenbark
Oct., 1885,	Blunt .....	Bishop Foss .....	5209	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1886,	Watertown .....	Bishop Bowman .....	6565	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1887,	Aberdeen .....	Bishop Fowler .....	8225	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1888,	Yankton .....	Bishop Walden .....	9474	A. R. Boggs
Oct., 1889,	Huron .....	Bishop Vincent .....	10526	W. H. Jordan
Oct., 1890,	Mitchell .....	Bishop Fitzgerald .....	9663	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1891,	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Foss .....	9006	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1892,	Madison .....	Bishop Goodsell .....	9170	A. W. Adkinson
Oct., 1893,	Brookings .....	Bishop Ninde .....	9749	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1894,	Watertown .....	Bishop Fowler .....	10094	G. D. Cleworth
Oct., 1895,	Aberdeen .....	Bishop Joyce .....	9510	C. H. Smith
Oct., 1896,	Vermillion .....	Bishop Vincent .....	9335	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1897,	Mitchell .....	Bishop Warren .....	9269	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1898,	Parker .....	Bishop McCabe .....	10429	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1899,	Huron .....	Bishop Hurst .....	10960	J. P. Jenkins
Oct., 1900,	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Merrill .....	11324	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1901,	Milbank .....	Bishop Foss .....	11430	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1902,	Madison .....	Bishop Goodsell .....	11187	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1903,	Aberdeen .....	Bishop Walden .....	11440	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1904,	Mitchell .....	Bishop Hamilton .....	11881	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1905,	Watertown .....	Bishop Warren .....	12522	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1906,	Brookings .....	Bishop Cranston .....	12766	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1907,	Vermillion .....	Bishop McDowell .....	13402	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1908,	Sioux Falls .....	Bishop Wilson .....	14759	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1909,	Huron .....	Bishop Nuelsen .....	15673	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1910,	Mitchell .....	Bishop Nuelsen .....	16242	G. T. Notson
Oct., 1911,	Aberdeen .....	Bishop McIntyre .....	15751	G. D. Brown
Oct., 1912,	Yankton .....	Bishop Luccock .....	16349	G. D. Brown
Oct., 1913,	Redfield .....	Bishop Luccock .....	18592	G. D. Brown
Oct., 1914,	Wessington Springs	Bishop Luccock .....	18814	G. D. Brown

## Memoirs

### THOMAS WILKINSON

The subject of this sketch was born in Lincolnshire, England, December 28, 1838, of godly parents, members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was the youngest of five children and from a child was trained up in the fear of the Lord. He did not make a public profession of religion, however, until fifteen years of age, when he was converted in a gracious revival of religion conducted by the Primitive Methodists in his native village. He became a diligent student of the Word of God and in the class meeting and love feast commenced to tell the good news. At eighteen he began to exhort, and very soon thereafter became engaged in preaching the word of reconciliation, and before he was twenty years old he had begun his ministry in the Primitive Methodist Church. He preached for this zealous people about seven years, when his health failed and he accepted a call to a Congregational Church, where the labors were not so arduous or exacting.

In 1865, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ann Swann, and four years later they came to America and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Detroit Conference, where he labored for fifteen years. In 1882, his health failed and he removed to South Dakota, settling on a farm near Dell Rapids. Brother Wilkinson referred to his enforced retirement from the ministry as a dark period of experience, although above the darkness he knew the light was shining. In 1890, he reentered the active ministry as a member of the Dakota Conference, and during the ensuing five years he served Clark, Kampeska, and Iroquois. In 1895, upon his own request and because of broken health, he was granted the superannuated relation and removed to Mount Vernon, Ia., where he lived until 1904, when he took up his residence in Siloam Springs, Ark. Here he resided to the close of his life, which came Sunday, April 26, 1914, after a long period of declining health and preceded by a severe illness of several weeks' duration. He leaves a wife, with whom he walked in beautiful companionship for nearly fifty years, and three children and several grandchildren. His two sons—the Rev. Herbert S. Wilkinson, D.D., of Eugene, Ore., and the Rev. William A. Wilkinson of this conference—and his only daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Trevithick, are all engaged in the work of the ministry. This was a matter of great joy to Brother Wilkinson. By his decease this conference loses one of its choicest spirits. He was a good man, an efficient minister of the gospel, who measured his success by the winning of souls to Christ. Several men were led under his pastoral care to take up the work of the gospel ministry, thereby he projected his own ministry far beyond the years of his effective period. Those of us who were privileged to know this man of God, with his loved ones of his immediate family circle, will ever have occasion to recall his holy life of unadorned usefulness with thanksgiving to God for the inspiration we have received from his unselfish ministry and life.

"Servant of God, well done,  
Thy glorious warfare past,  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last.

"With saints enthroned on high  
Thou dost thy Lord proclaim,  
And still to God salvation cry  
Salvation to the Lamb.

"Redeemed from earth and pain,  
Ah! when shall we ascend  
And all in Jesus' presence reign  
With our translated friend?"

#### A BRIEF SKETCH OF MY LIFE

I was born in Lincolnshire, England, December 28, 1838. My parents were regular attendants on the Wesleyan services. My mother was a member of that body. My father afterwards united with the same church and for many years before his death was a member. I was the youngest of five children, two younger than myself, when I was about seven years old, left our home to join the angels. I have a distinct recollection of carrying home from school the scarlet fever that brought the whole family to the verge of death and carried off two of my sisters in one short week.

From a child I was the subject of those precious influences that are brought to bear on human hearts, by the good Spirit of God; but not until I was fifteen years of age did I make any public profession of religion. A gracious revival of religion visited our little village in connection with the Primitive Methodist services, and in those services I entered upon a religious life, identifying myself with that body of Christians.

I at once became a diligent student of the Word of God and spent many hours in perusing its pages and communing with my Heavenly Father. As soon as my young heart was "strangely warmed" I commenced to tell in class meetings and love feast the good news. When but eighteen years of age I commenced to exhort and received what is called in Methodist parlance an "exhorter's license." When nineteen years of age I was engaged almost every Sabbath in trying to preach "the reconciling word," and before I was twenty had entered upon the arduous duties of the Primitive Methodist ministry.

I remained among that body of zealous Christians about seven years, doing considerable missionary work in some of the large cities of England, including the metropolis itself, and one year in Glasgow, Scotland. My work during those years was preaching generally three times on the Sabbath and four or five times during the week, walking many miles to and from my appointments. My salary for the first six years of my ministry was twenty-eight pounds per annum (equal to \$140). No young man in those days entered the ministry in the Primitive Methodist connection for the money that was in it. Our salaries were regulated by the conference, and no young man received any more salary than I did. We considered our work to be to preach as many sermons, visit as many families, and save as many souls as possible.

When twenty-six years of age, or in 1865, I married Miss Elizabeth Ann Swann of Shoreham, Sussex, England, who has been my faithful helper through all the changing scenes of my short life. The year of my marriage I was laboring on a hard rural circuit and my health was giving way. My physician said it was useless giving me medicine with all the work I was doing. I believed myself that the work of the Primitive Methodist ministry needed stronger men physically than I was and as my way opened among the Congregationalists where I would only be expected to preach twice on Sabbath days and once on a week evening I accepted an invitation to labor among them in Dawley, Salop, where I labored nearly four years with tokens of divine favor.

We left that church for America in August, 1869. The last night I preached there I told my congregation that thousands were leaving England for America in search of wealth—I was going to preach the gospel and try to win souls.

I arrived in America with my wife and two little girls in September, 1869, just after the adjournment of the Detroit Conference, and as a vacancy occurred on the Owosso charge I was appointed to that work by the presiding elder and met with a cordial reception from the dear people. If they had been near relations to us they could not have treated us with greater kindness. The memory of those early friends is like sweet perfume coming from the land of spices. We hope to meet them all in that world of light that awaits the Lord's redeemed.

For fifteen years I labored in the Detroit Conference, where I found a host of friends among the ministry and laity.

In Michigan we had much sickness and three deaths in our small circle of household pets. Darling Minnie, whom everybody loved, was the first to pass through one of the open gates of the New Jerusalem. After that, precious Arthur Ernest and Lily May. We shall meet them again—not as we saw them last; but in the beauty and growth of those spirits whose training has been in the school of the angels. For nearly eight years I labored on Lake Superior to get away from the ague of lower Michigan and those eight years were among the most blessed years of my life. I hope to see a number in heaven who started for that blessed world under my ministry.

Whilst serving the Republic charge, in 1882, my health failed and I was compelled at the ensuing conference to ask for a superannuated relation. This was a dark period of my history but above the darkness I knew the light shone and in heaven I should see the reason for the darkness. For about seven years I lived on a farm in South Dakota, seven miles from Dell Rapids—supplying neighboring charges as my health permitted.

Feeling restless for the ministry again as an old warhorse for battle I again entered the active work in the Dakota Conference and labored within its bounds for five years, and again in 1895 was compelled to ask for a superannuate relation. La Grippe had seized upon me at least four times and undermining my physical and nervous system to such a degree as to unfit me for the circuit work of that new country. With feeling of regret I left once more the active work of the ministry and retired to Mount Vernon, Ia., where my youngest son, William Alfred, was attending Cornell College. We lived happily at Mount Vernon for about nine years,

but owing to the severe winters and the frequent attacks of the Grippe we decided to move farther south where the winter was neither so long nor so severe.

Siloam Springs, Arkansas, was the chosen spot. We arrived here about the first of September, 1904. Here we have made a comfortable home, found our church relations all that we could desire, and here we hope to be happy and useful until life's work is done and the Master we serve says, "It is enough; come up higher." Old age is to me full of sunshine and the prospect for the future is as bright as the promises of God. I thank God for a good, faithful, loving wife, and for a family of children that have been to us a source of great joy. The three that remain to us are all in the Christian ministry—filling their generation, I believe, according to the will of God. When all of life is over I believe we shall meet in the world of light into which our Forerunner has entered and so be forever with the Lord.

THOS. WILKINSON,  
Siloam Springs, Jan. 16, 1905.

(It remains only to be added that Sunday, April 26, 1914, Thomas Wilkinson, servant of Jesus Christ, and faithful minister of His Gospel, entered into rest).

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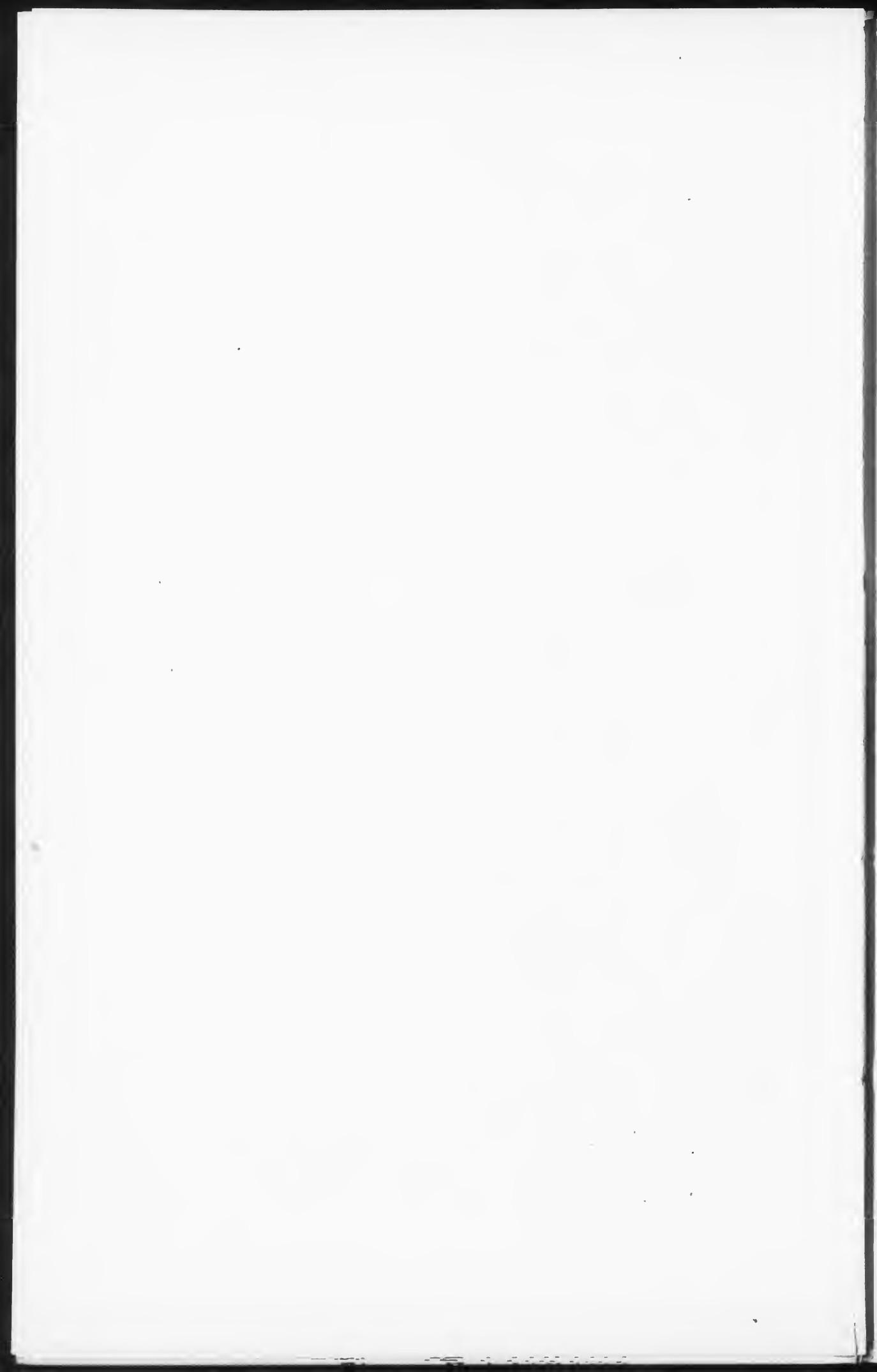
#### REV. ABRAM F. THOMPSON

The Rev. Abram F. Thompson, a veteran of the Northern Minnesota Conference, and a charter member of the Dakota Conference, and pioneer of Dakota Methodism, died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., on August 22, 1914. Born in Ireland he came to America when a boy. He would have been sixty-six years of age had he lived until September 26. He began his ministry in Wisconsin, serving six years in that state, and then came to the Dakota Mission in 1881 and began our work in Huron. Following were his appointments within the Dakota boundaries: Huron, 1881-82; Pierre, 1882-83; Wessington Springs, 1883-84; Madison, 1884-85; Howard and Carthage, 1885-87; Claremont and Detroit, 1887-88. In October, 1888, he transferred to the Minnesota Conference.

He had a remarkable career as a church builder, coöperating in building more than twenty churches, and a number of parsonages. He built six church buildings while in Dakota Conference, namely, at Pierre, Wessington Springs, Madison, Howard, Carthage, and Roswell. Three of these were built in one year. His record in church building in Minnesota was six churches and three parsonages, also a number of churches while in Wisconsin.

The last four years of his ministry he served as chaplain of four hospitals in Minneapolis, including our own Asbury Hospital, devoting time and strength without stint to the special necessities of the sick. He served in this great work until the night of his death.

Mrs. S. J. Foster of Huron is a sister, who kept house for him in his early ministry. Brother Thompson's first wife died in the Madison (S. D.) parsonage. He married again in 1888, and leaves a widow, who resides in Minneapolis. There is also one brother and one other sister who survive him.



STATISTICAL TABLES  
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												COLLECTIONS FOR B. OF S. S.	
	Sunday Schools			Officers and Teachers			Average Attendance of all Grades			Children on the Cradle Roll				
	Total	all Dep'ts., Inc.	Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcrs & Tchrs.	Scholars of all Grades	Members in Home Department	Offic's. & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.		
Aberdeen . . . . .	1	24	524	500	300	83	24	19	9	9	9	375		
Andover . . . . .	1	11	147	136	90	12	10	50	28	3	3	87		
Ashton . . . . .	1	13	156	143	75	12	70	60	12	5	3	140		
Bath and Putney . . . . .	2	21	141	120	100	20	60	2	5	1	1	97		
Big Stone City . . . . .	1	14	130	116	81	10	14	4	11	1	1	30		
Bowdle . . . . .	1	12	68	56	40	11	46	6	6	1	1	20		
Bristol . . . . .	3	16	96	80	80	11	46	4	4	3	3	110		
Britton . . . . .	3	26	238	212	105	27	26	60	4	3	3	65		
Cheney . . . . .	2	22	143	121	85	25	16	56	12	7	7	60		
Claremont . . . . .	2	18	142	134	60	40	18	56	4	10	1	52		
Conde . . . . .	1	13	100	87	60	10	13	55	6	4	3	65		
Corona . . . . .	2	23	126	103	80	4	21	27	7	5	5	75		
Cresbard . . . . .	2	17	121	104	37	4	15	25	2	2	4	76		
De Voe . . . . .	1	17	165	148	75	40	10	25	6	3	3	95		
Frederick . . . . .	2	18	200	182	110	22	16	46	4	4	4	180		
Groton . . . . .	1	17	132	115	70	20	16	30	1	2	2	55		
Hecla . . . . .	2	16	188	172	82	22	8	30	5	5	5	120		
Langford . . . . .	2	19	97	78	70	17	12	40	3	2	3	65		
Leola . . . . .	1	13	120	107	60	12	16	50	10	5	5	80		
Mellette . . . . .	1	16	200	184	125	12	16	50	10	2	2	80		
Milbank . . . . .	2	21	129	101	67	8	20	15	2	2	2	100		
Northville . . . . .	1	24	250	226	180	6	22	70	2	12	6	135		
Redfield . . . . .	1	16	150	134	80	15	16	12	5	11	1	98		
Selby . . . . .	2	29	286	257	136	30	26	4	4	4	4	120		
Sisseton . . . . .	1	8	68	60	31	6	21	9	1	1	1	8		
Timber Lake . . . . .	3	27	242	215	100	12	20	48	1	1	1	100		
Waubay and Summit . . . . .	2	21	170	149	107	13	17	56	20	11	11	135		
Webster . . . . .	1	7	46	39	26	7	5	2	6	6	6	57		
Westport . . . . .	2	20	160	140	90	18	50	2	6	6	6	2341		
Total . . . . .	48	519	4735	4219	2592	37	452	440	992	156	107	56	35	

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—HURON DISTRICT

## NAMES OF CHARGES

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS													COLLECTIONS FOR B. of S. S.
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total all Dep't's Inc.	Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Oftrs & Tchrs.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in Home De- partment	Children on the Cradle Roll	Offic's. & Teachers. Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering
Alpena . . . . .	2	20	130	110	70	30	18	50	3	2	2	62		
Artesian . . . . .	2	25	167	142	114	11	24	34	10	10	10	97		
Blunt . . . . .	2	7	65	58	35	8	11	11	13	13	13	24		
Broadland . . . . .	1	11	60	49	30	11	11	10	5	5	5			
Burdette . . . . .	2	8	80	72	60	18	7	7	4	4	4			
Carpenter . . . . .	3	17	156	139	62	15	15	15	5	5	5	71		
Esmond . . . . .	2	22	202	180	75	40	19	68	5	5	5	90		
Faulkton . . . . .	2	29	219	190	98	48	22	70	10	10	10	120		
Gettysburg . . . . .	1	12	150	138	95	55	10	45	1	1	1			
Highmore . . . . .	2	16	170	154	35	20	13	80	12	12	12	2		
Hitchcock . . . . .	2	16	150	134	120	20	13	80	12	12	12	60		
Huron . . . . .	1	21	240	219	152	40	20	87	10	10	10			
Iroquois . . . . .	1	18	158	140	71	10	20	17	6	5	5	46		
Lane . . . . .	2	22	200	178	80	29	20	29	3	3	3	65		
Miller . . . . .	3	30	230	200	160	10	30	30	10	10	10	95		
Oneida . . . . .														
Pearl Creek . . . . .	3	18	100	82	63	12	13	4	2	2	2			
Pierre . . . . .	1	18	225	207	136	17	18	17	10	10	10	200		
Rockham . . . . .	2	12	132	120	67	5	43	7	59	59	59			
Roswell . . . . .	2	18	181	163	100	26	18	70	23	2	2	68		
Seneca . . . . .	1	8	135	127	73	25	3	55	3	3	3	36		
St. Lawrence . . . . .	2	13	130	117	75	6	13	13	1	3	3	60		
Tulare . . . . .	1	13	126	113	..	13	13	15	8	9	9	54		
Virgil . . . . .	1	9	70	61	55	9	9	9	1	1	1			
Wessington . . . . .	1	13	100	87	60	13	63	13	1	1	1	30		
Wessington Springs . . . . .	1	25	396	371	253	66	66	66	21	21	21	250		
Woonsocket . . . . .	1	19	250	231	128	21	17	17	10	10	10	101		
Total . . . . .	44	440	4232	3782	2267	10	495	338	716	136	74	68	18	1733

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—MITCHELL DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												COLLECTIONS FOR B. of S. S.							
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers			Total all Dep'ts., Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcrs & Tchr's.			Scholars of all Grades			Average Attendance of all Grades			Members in Home De- partment	Children on the Cradle Roll	Offic's. & Teachers, Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Church	
		2	1	1	311	100	55	18	26	29	150	15	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Alexandria . . . . .	2	31	311	287	165	18	26	29	150	15	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	145
Armour . . . . .	1	11	111	100	55	.....	71	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60
Bijou Hills . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgewater . . . . .	1	10	63	53	31	.....	20	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Chamberlain . . . . .	1	12	95	83	60	.....	15	12	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
Colome . . . . .	2	18	250	232	110	.....	36	14	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	46
Dallas . . . . .	1	14	96	82	53	.....	8	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65
Draper and Vivian . . . . .	3	5	50	45	25	.....	15	5	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Dudley . . . . .	1	5	30	25	21	.....	5	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30
Ethan . . . . .	2	14	159	145	75	.....	25	10	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30
Fairfax and St. Charles . . . . .	3	25	.....	.....	110	.....	15	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30
Farmer . . . . .	1	10	75	65	50	.....	10	9	27	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33
Fulton . . . . .	3	16	180	164	95	.....	12	110	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	91
Geddes . . . . .	2	21	176	155	100	.....	22	18	31	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	41
Gregory . . . . .	3	20	231	211	108	.....	41	18	40	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	30
Iona and Hamill . . . . .	1	6	35	29	20	.....	5	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
Kennebec and Presho . . . . .	2	13	120	107	75	.....	13	.....	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	46
Kimball and Pukwana . . . . .	1	12	122	110	55	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Lakeview Circuit . . . . .	5	41	209	168	127	.....	19	28	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	85
Letcher . . . . .	1	8	38	30	24	.....	12	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Mitchell . . . . .	1	60	1500	1440	800	160	100	60	200	40	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	1000
Mount Vernon . . . . .	1	16	225	205	90	.....	35	16	20	10	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5
Murdo . . . . .	2	25	175	150	105	.....	10	23	.....	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	65
Okaton and Interior . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Plankinton . . . . .	1	17	200	183	114	.....	25	17	75	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	70
Platte . . . . .	2	19	160	141	100	.....	18	.....	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	76
Springfield . . . . .	2	16	70	54	50	.....	12	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	271
Tripp . . . . .	3	21	250	239	200	.....	37	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	271
Tyndall . . . . .	1	14	80	66	45	.....	14	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	60
Wagner . . . . .	3	27	152	125	56	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110
White Lake . . . . .	2	22	240	218	95	.....	21	22	25	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	75
Winner . . . . .	1	12	170	158	.....	14	56	12	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	70
Total . . . . .	55	541	5573	5070	3014	192	541	457	958	198	56	6	14	2665						

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—RAPID CITY DISTRICT

## NAMES OF CHARGES

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												COLLECTIONS FOR B. of S. S.	
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total all Dep'ts., Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcrs & Tchrs.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in Home De- partment	Children on the Cradle Roll	Offic's. & Teachers, Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Bellefouche .....	1	13	50	37	36	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	62
Boneita Springs .....	3	16	90	74	68	.....	.....	16	26	.....	.....	1	.....	25
Buffalo Gap .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60
Capa .....	6	30	132	102	88	.....	.....	24	55	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caputa and Weta .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Custer, Mayo and Pringle .....	2	13	60	47	45	.....	.....	12	20	4	2	.....	.....	56
Deadwood .....	1	12	154	142	97	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	238
Edgemont .....	1	14	100	86	60	.....	20	7	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	75
Fairburn .....	1	7	24	17	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	16
Harding .....	1	8	20	12	16	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
Hill City .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Hot Springs .....	2	19	135	116	95	.....	24	18	80	25	2	3	.....	90
Lead .....	1	17	162	145	102	.....	.....	17	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nowlin .....	2	7	47	40	30	.....	.....	15	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	15
Oelrichs .....	1	5	50	45	30	.....	.....	4	3	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Oral .....	3	16	136	120	45	16	8	10	24	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillip .....	1	9	40	31	25	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
Piedmont and Tilford .....	1	11	43	32	24	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....	1	.....	15
Plainview .....	2	.....	45	....	40	.....	.....	21	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	7
Quinn .....	1	6	30	24	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	25
Rapid City .....	1	14	180	166	107	.....	30	14	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	125
Spearfish .....	1	20	210	190	109	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	4	1	110	.....
Sturgis .....	3	20	150	130	100	.....	20	15	5	10	.....	.....	.....	75
Terraville .....	2	20	125	105	90	.....	.....	12	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	50
Terry .....	1	10	60	50	40	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
Wall and Wasta .....	1	14	89	75	48	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
Total .....	29	302	2130	1786	1315	16	118	256	270	79	13	14	3	1176

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	SUNDAY SCHOOLS												COLLECTIONS FOR B. OF S. S.	
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total all Dep'ts., Inc. Cradle Roll & Home Dep't. Ofcrs & Tchrs.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in Home De- partment	Children on the Cradle Roll	Offic's. & Teachers, Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Church	Sunday School	10% Sunday School Missionary Offering	S. S. Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
Alcester . . . . .	2	12	80	68	50	10	10	40	15	3	50	3	160	
Beresford . . . . .	1	14	134	120	85	17	15	12	75	8	2	2	60	
Canistota . . . . .	2	20	175	155	90	26	20	50	8	3	316	3	316	
Canton . . . . .	1	20	316	296	175	25	30	20	160	10	17	68	68	
Centerville . . . . .	2	14	130	116	68	15	13	18	6	3	97	97	97	
Colton . . . . .	2	18	120	102	48	15	13	18	6	2	125	5	125	
Davis and Pioneer . . . . .	2	12	98	86	70	12	12	12	2	1	160	1	160	
Dell Rapids . . . . .	1	17	208	191	120	29	16	16	10	10	152	10	152	
Egan . . . . .	1	18	210	192	105	20	17	66	16	10	80	2	80	
Elk Point . . . . .	2	22	290	268	120	63	21	100	15	2	125	3	125	
Garretson . . . . .	2	23	208	185	102	12	8	20	48	8	160	3	160	
Gayville . . . . .	2	22	195	173	95	40	22	45	5	12	50	1	50	
Harrisburg . . . . .	3	18	190	172	100	12	18	45	1	2	93	1	93	
Hartford . . . . .	2	35	240	205	160	35	35	40	10	200	50	5	200	
Hudson and Fairview . . . . .	2	14	59	45	40	15	14	40	10	10	125	5	125	
Hurley . . . . .	2	16	276	260	114	20	16	4	4	8	50	8	50	
Irene . . . . .	1	7	60	53	35	15	4	11	2	3	52	3	52	
Lennox . . . . .	1	12	120	108	76	15	6	11	2	42	50	2	50	
Montrose . . . . .	2	10	86	76	55	9	20	2	3	50	125	4	125	
Parker . . . . .	1	19	244	225	120	14	30	100	4	50	506	50	506	
Salem . . . . .	1	20	270	250	150	20	20	125	20	4	145	2	145	
Scotland . . . . .	1	16	160	144	87	31	16	45	5	3	173	3	173	
Sioux Falls—First Church East Side . . . . .	1	42	965	923	439	25	100	42	25	2	150	1	150	
Valley Springs . . . . .	3	22	173	151	98	26	22	21	5	3	145	3	145	
Vermillion . . . . .	1	28	328	300	133	43	28	6	3	3	150	3	150	
Wakonda . . . . .	2	24	174	150	95	15	18	74	34	3	75	1	75	
Yankton . . . . .	1	20	350	330	205	52	20	22	22	22	127	127	127	
Total . . . . .	47	549	6129	5580	3210	93	650	497	1123	265	92	24	82	3231

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

## NAMES OF CHARGES

	Sunday Schools	SUNDAY SCHOOLS										COLLECTIONS FOR B. OF S. S.		
		Officers and Teachers	Total all Dep'ts. Inc.	Cradle Roll & Home	Dep't. Ofc's & Tchr's.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in Home Department	Children on the Cradle Roll	Offic's. & Teachers, Members or Probationers	Scholars, Members or Probationers	Members of Sunday School Converted	Church	Sunday School
Arlington . . . . .	1 16	175	158	115	25	15	58	10	10	8	10	7	150	49
Bradley . . . . .	2 16	131	115	85	20	12	52	10	14	17	8	6	350	79
Brookings . . . . .	1 52	450	398	236	35	30	52	250	60	12	1	4	20	24
Bruce . . . . .	2 19	99	80	55	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	185	75
Castlewood . . . . .	1 7	50	43	..	..	..	7	8	33	..	..	..	..	20
Chester . . . . .	1 10	85	75	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
Clark . . . . .	2 29	267	237	167	..	27	29	150	..	..	..	..	..	113
Clear Lake . . . . .	1 10	130	120	65	..	20	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
Coleman . . . . .	2 22	165	143	90	..	..	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	135
DeSmet . . . . .	1 5	60	50	35	..	10	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
Doland . . . . .	2 36	333	299	155	..	..	..	..	48	8	4	2	160	20
Elkton . . . . .	1 10	90	80	45	..	10	7	16	..	..	..	..	..	90
Flandreau . . . . .	1 14	200	186	133	..	..	13	..	19	..	..	..	..	102
Flandreau Circuit . . . . .	1 7	48	41	30	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	113
Florence . . . . .	1 7	30	23	30	..	..	3	2	..	2	2	..	..	68
Frankfort . . . . .	2 15	155	140	90	..	26	14	..	..	..	6	..	..	75
Garden City . . . . .	1 25	206	181	104	..	20	25	94	..	7	6	2	113	60
Gary . . . . .	3 19	251	232	85	6	36	19	71	..	..	..	..	..	102
Hazel . . . . .	2 20	242	222	68	..	60	20	127	2	8	10	..	..	94
Henry . . . . .	2 21	181	160	110	..	10	21	..	..	..	..	3	..	102
Howard . . . . .	1 15	105	90	75	..	..	15	25	..	..	..	..	..	75
Junius . . . . .	1 6	51	45	30	..	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lake Preston . . . . .	1 14	164	150	70	..	19	13	64	20	4	..	..	..	68
Madison . . . . .	1 25	305	280	183	..	20	25	160	..	13	..	..	..	175
Oldham . . . . .	1 7	60	53	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trenton . . . . .	1 34	500	466	250	..	36	..	..	80	..	45	..	..	400
Watertown . . . . .	1 19	165	146	86	..	13	19	40	..	11	..	1	..	94
Total . . . . .	36 480	4710	4223	2532	41	388	418	1140	251	96	126	29	2605	..

## THIRTIETH SESSION

## TREASURER'S REPORT—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
	MISSIONS						EDUCATION				BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS	
	Board of Foreign Missions		Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.		Freedmen's Aid Society		Board of Education		Children's Fund		Conf. Educational Collection	
	Church	Special Gifts	Church	Sunday Schools	Church	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection	Church	Church	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)	
1 Aberdeen .....	372	50	180	.....	.....	20	.....	36	107	9	.....	22
2 Andover .....	11	.....	69	.....	.....	70	12	6	4	43	.....	53
3 Ashton .....	45	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	8	4	4	10	.....	.....
4 Bath and Putney .....	20	43	.....	20	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
5 Big Stone City .....	73	20	19	62	.....	18	14	7	8	42	11	.....
6 Bowdle .....	8	.....	.....	5	5	.....	1	2	2	10	.....	1
7 Bristol .....	5	.....	.....	5	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8 Britton .....	67	.....	19	53	.....	19	12	.....	6	30	4	6
9 Cheney .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10 Claremont .....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	15	4	.....	5	4	.....	7
11 Conde .....	64	.....	8	72	.....	.....	13	6	4	.....	10	.....
12 Corona .....	12	.....	3	8	.....	2	5	.....	6	10	4	2
13 Cresbard .....	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	8	4	5	23	6	.....
14 DeVoe .....	42	15	3	42	.....	3	8	3	6	26	.....	5
15 Frederick .....	10	.....	.....	7	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 Groton .....	43	15	17	23	.....	17	10	3	11	30	6	4
17 Hecla .....	18	.....	5	17	.....	.....	3	2	4	20	.....	.....
18 Langford .....	19	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	4	2	8	10	1	.....
19 Leola .....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	10	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 Millette .....	12	.....	10	.....	.....	18	4	2	4	13	.....	.....
21 Milbank .....	130	20	25	125	.....	25	26	13	5	70	15	.....
22 Northville .....	3	.....	7	16	.....	9	1	.....	6	5	.....	2
23 Redfield .....	120	30	16	116	.....	20	18	.....	15	80	12	6
24 Selby .....	4	.....	4	4	.....	4	4	2	3	7	.....	6
25 Sisseton .....	105	20	.....	90	.....	.....	15	.....	5	75	15	.....
26 Timber Lake .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 Waubay and Summit .....	5	.....	.....	10	.....	2	.....	3	2	1	.....	.....
28 Webster .....	70	21	.....	58	.....	21	14	7	4	60	11	.....
29 Westport .....	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30 White Rock .....	30	.....	.....	30	.....	6	6	.....	35	6	.....	.....
Totals .....	1342	234	228	1068	.....	256	231	72	154	732	111	87

**DAKOTA CONFERENCE**

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued										OTHER BENEVOLENCES			OTHER ITEMS			GRAND TOTAL	List No.						
Conference Claimants		Annual Conference Investments		Church Temperance Society		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		American Bible Society		City Missionary or Church Ext. Society		Central Office Exp. Epworth League Methodist Brotherhood Dues		Total Disciplinary Benevolences		Brookings Deaconess Hospital		Other Benevolences		Total Benevolences	
60		5	327	237		2		4		1405	3			1408	60	35	1515	1					
		2	40			4		3		286	6			301	30	18	354	2					
		2				3				124				124	21	13	162	3					
		1				1				116				137	26	15	182	4					
		3	184			5		1		466	60			683	27	15	730	5					
		1				1				21				21	18	11	50	6					
		2								143	8			151	24	14	191	7					
		2	104			4				384	13			361	36	21	418	8					
		2		126														9					
		2																					
		2	170			5				226	10			236	28	10	278	10					
		2				1				184				184	30	18	232	11					
		1				1				54	16			70	28	16	118	12					
		1		31		4		2		184				186	15	9	214	13					
		1		44		2				200				209	18	8	242	14					
				300		5				484				23	28	16	67	15					
		1		2		1				76				76	30	17	555	16					
		1		36		1				100	23			143	27	16	123	17					
		1								35				35	18	10	185	18					
		1								68				74	27	15	63	19					
		5	199			10				673	183			856	45	27	120	20					
		1		42		1				94				94	20	9	456	21					
		4	142	58	18	6		4		660				749	45	26	826	22					
		5	144			5		4		38	10			48	19	6	75	24					
										483	92			878	32	18	933	25					
															13	7	20	26					
										25	25			50	30	17	97	27					
										275	27			302	30	18	358	28					
										6				6	6	6	18	29					
										119				96	215	30	18	263	30				
60		50	1891	290	18	72		18		6910	476			8128	785	443	97	9453 <sup>1</sup>					

## TREASURER'S REPORT—HURON DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
		MISSIONS					EDUCATION						
		Board of Foreign Missions		Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.		Freedmen's Aid	Board of Education		Children's Fund		BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Society	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
1	Agar and Gorman . . . . .	20			20								
2	Alpena . . . . .	89		15	90			6			54		3
3	Artesian . . . . .	76		6	71			12	6	6	61		10
4	Blunt and Harold . . . . .	4			4					2			
5	Broadland . . . . .	20			19			4		2	23		3
6	Carpenter . . . . .	23			21		2	3	1	5	20		4
7	Chappelle . . . . .												
8	Emond . . . . .	48		11	40		11	12	6	11	29		4
9	Faulkton . . . . .		150		85		15	8	6	6	64		10
10	Gettysburg . . . . .	5			5					3			
11	Hightmore . . . . .	10		3	15			3		4	10		2
12	Hitchcock . . . . .	27		15	25		15	10	6				10
13	Huron . . . . .	125	45	8	100		8	10	5	8	100		5
14	Iroquois . . . . .	35		3	40		3	6	3	6	37		3
15	Lane and Viola . . . . .	10			10			7		10	10		
16	Miller . . . . .	25		2	25		2	4		3	20		2
17	Okoboji . . . . .												
18	Pearl Creek and Cavour . . . . .	21			18			3	1				2
19	Pierre . . . . .	40	40	10	50			10			25		10
20	Rockham . . . . .	64			55			10	5		25		7
21	Roswell . . . . .	20		8	25			5	2	8	43		3
22	Seneca . . . . .	2		3	5			2		2	3		3
23	St. Lawrence . . . . .	27		3	23		3	4		2			1
24	Tulare . . . . .	59		15	54		10	11	6	6	50		9
25	Wessington . . . . .	5				5		4					1
26	Wessington Springs . . . . .	423		47	300		47	40	20		125		35
27	Wolsey and Virgil . . . . .	13			11			2	1				1
28	Woonsocket . . . . .	69		8	58		8	11	6	3	60		11
29	Burdette . . . . .	10			10			6	10				5
30	Oneida . . . . .				11			10	1	1			1
Totals . . . . .		1270	235	168	1179	5	119	201	97	92	759	58	102

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued											OTHER BENEVOLENCES			OTHER ITEMS			GRAND TOTAL	List No.	
Board of Conference Claimants	Annual Conference Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp.	Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences	Support of Conference Claimants	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses		
32	66			1	5	1	40					\$1	48	10	4	...	62	1	
32							342	37	19	398	33	398	33	18	20	4	454	2	
1	2			1	1	1	255	10	158	423	32	423	32	20	4	479	3		
1	2	2					10					10				10	4		
	2	95					73					73		18	10	4	105	5	
	2	98					85					85		27	15	6	133	6	
	2						279	17	61	357	30	357	30	16	6	409	8		
							442		101	543	36	543	36	22	16	617	9		
							13					13		21	10	...	44	10	
							55					26	81	27	16	2	126	11	
							286					53	339	30	13		382	12	
15	171	189	9	5	5	2	638	55	121	814	53	814	53	35	11	913	13		
	2					1	4	149	50			49	199	33	18	7	257	14	
							49					49		34	18		101	15	
							127					78	205	39	23		267	16	
																		17	
24	16	125					210					210	14	10	2	236	18		
	2	100					291	1	77	369	40	369	40	25			434	19	
	2						4					172		27	16		215	20	
2	2											118		220	33	18		271	21
	1											24	2	30	18	6		54	22
	1											69		69	27	15	1	112	23
	2											4	46	322	26	15	2	365	24
												26		22	12	2	61	25	
												25		25					
												1612		1612	53	30	12	1707	26
5	551					15								35	12	7		54	27
	1					1													
	2	86	23			4								349	40	22	6	417	28
	2					2								45	10	10		65	29
	1					1								26	13	7	5	51	30
46	48	1429	199	66	1	14	6088	179	854	7121	758	431	91	8401					

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## DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1914

DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES				OTHER ITEMS				GRAND TOTAL		List No.														
Conference Claimants		Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)		Annual Conference Investments		Church Temperance Society		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		American Bible Society		City Missionary or Church Ext. Society		Central Office Exp.		Epworth League		Methodist Brotherhood Dues		Total Disciplinary Benevolences		Brookings Daconess Hospital		Other Benevolences		Total Benevolences		Support of Conference Claimants		Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)		General Conference Expenses		
		4	142	18	130							500									33	545	43	25			613	1	1							
		1	.....	6	.....			1	.....			48									77	125	27	16	10		178	2	2							
		2	2	41	2			1	1			114									7	10	2	17			12	3	3							
2	2	1	.....	.....	2			.....	2			36									129	10	20	11	3	5	161	4	4							
												57									57	57	15	5	4		91	5	5							
												17									40	40	.....	.....	.....		40	8	8							
												130									120	250	30	17	8		305	9	9							
												18									18	56	8	4			30	10	10							
												10									46	56	6				56	11	11							
4		2	16	.....	.....			1	1			74									15	89	15	4	4	1	89	13	13							
		2	2	.....	.....			3	3			15									22	55	4	5	2		61	12	12							
		1	.....	.....	.....			1	1			22									11	10	6	5	5	1	31	15	15							
												55									54	111	10	6	5	1	62	16	16							
								5	39			57								34	34	2	16	9	3	126	17	17								
								1	.....			2								2	2	16	6	5	1	46	18	18								
10		5	936	345	40	5	35	5	4	3424		700		4124		100		30		4153	7552	510	269	80		4274	20	20								
		25	220	5	1	1	1			338		19		357		25		17		1513	6022	17	27	15	4	403	21	21								
2		1	.....	10	.....	1	1			26		3		29		2		1		15	17	2	1	1	1	33	22	22								
																											23									
								30	.....			115								155	270	30	17			317	24	24								
								1	66			163								59	222	36	20	3		281	25	25								
								36	5	60	3	1	1	65					59	288	36	18	10		91	26	26									
								1	.....	2		229							55	55	27	9			91	23	23									
								2	76	50	3	238							65	303	24	12	7		346	29	29									
1		112	.....	.....	1	.....				167		5		46		215		18		1513	6022	510	269	80		251	30	30								
																											31									
19	2	27	1450	692	285	29	39	15	4	6022		17		1513		7552		510		269		80		8411												

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## TREASURER'S REPORT—RAPID CITY DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION					
		Board of Foreign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education			Conf. Educational Collection		
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Aid Society	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
1	Bellefourche . . . . .	16			15			2		1	5	2	
2	Boneita Springs . . . . .	7			2			1				1	
3	Buffalo Gap . . . . .												
4	Capa . . . . .												
5	Caputa . . . . .												
6	Custer . . . . .	16		9	18			1	3	2	2	2	
7	Deadwood . . . . .	30		14	40				6				
8	Edgemont . . . . .	12			14			10		2		4	4
9	Fairburn and Weta . . . . .	7			5					1			
10	Harding . . . . .	6			5								
11	Hill City . . . . .	4			4							1	
12	Hot Springs . . . . .	41		9	41			9	10	5	18	2	3
13	Lead . . . . .	3									5		
14	Midland and Nowlin . . . . .	4			3								
15	Oelrichs . . . . .	4			3	1		3		3		2	
16	Oral . . . . .												
17	Phillip . . . . .												
18	Piedmont . . . . .	12			10			2		1			1
19	Plainview . . . . .				2								
20	Quinn . . . . .												
21	Rapid City . . . . .	40		8	25			3		6		3	
22	Spearfish . . . . .	52		5	51			5	10	2	3	50	
23	Sturgis . . . . .	10						5	7	1			5
24	Terryville . . . . .									2			
25	Terry . . . . .	5			5			1		1			
26	Wall and Wasta . . . . .	2			2					3			
	Totals . . . . .	271	....	45	245	1	23	59	23	21	80	17	13

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## TREASURER'S REPORT—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
		MISSIONS						EDUCATION					
		Board of For- eign Missions		Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.		Freedmen's Aid Society		Board of Education		Children's Fund		Conf. Educational Collection	
		Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Public Educational Collection				Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
1	Alcester	36			15		4			2			3
2	Beresford	62		29	70		9		7			31	
3	Canistota	40			40		10		3		10	63	
4	Canton	87	50	60	69		60	22	11	4	4	115	
5	Centerville	15		5	15		5	3		2		15	
6	Colton	20				15		6	2			15	
7	Davis and Pioneer	20			18			2		1		12	
8	Dell Rapids	70		10	70		10	10		5		60	
9	Egan	60			50		8	6				33	
10	Elk Point	13			11			2	1			3	
11	Garretson	37	40	15	32		5	6	3	8	8	30	
12	Gayville	86	10	6	76		6	15			8	100	
13	Harrisburg	34		7	29		6	4	3	3	3	25	
14	Hartford	85	95		70		12	7		7		80	
15	Hudson and Fairview	2								6		6	
16	Hurley	45			25			2	5	2		5	
17	Irene	25	10		25			12				10	
18	Lennox	10			7			4	1		6	2	
19	Montrose	25	10		20			3	2			20	
20	Parker	80			55			12	8	5	60	4	4
21	Salem	73		5	58		8	1	3	3	9		
22	Scotland	13			12		2			3		20	
23	Sioux Falls—First Church	145	330	225	275		225	64	32	37	300		50
24	East Side	5			5							1	
25	Valley Springs	57	120	10	16	60	4	11	5	10	40	5	3
26	Vermillion	125		14	120		14	10	30				
27	Wakonda	65		4	55		2	8		6	24	3	1
28	Yankton	112	45	18	122		18	15		15	16		
Totals		1447	710	408	1362	75	355	264	127	134	1146	114	87

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued												OTHER BENEVOLENCES			OTHER ITEMS		
Conference Claimants			Woman's Home Missionary Society			Total Disciplinary Benevolences			Other Benevolences			Support of Conference Claimants			GRAND TOTAL		
Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)	Annual Conference Investments	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	City Missionary or Church Ext. Society	Central Office Exp. Epworth League	Methodist Brotherhood Dues	Brookings Deaconess Hospital	Total Benevolences	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	General Conference Expenses	169	1	List No.	
1	1	79				1				143	143	18	2	169	1		
	3	150				1				380	200	592	6	649	2		
	4	63				2				246	50	296	24	339	3		
1	1	91	1			1		2	1	601	1564	2197	36	2269	4		
	1	201				1				267	32	427	22	463	5		
	1					2				66	130	66	15	88	6		
	1					1				61	25	86	12	110	7		
	2	99				2				342	28	379	20	412	8		
	2	10				1				187	9	231	10	271	9		
						1				33	37	27	13	55	10		
						2				241	230	471	30	523	11		
						5				332	34	508	40	940	12		
9	1	52				5				119	51	170	28	218	13		
	1					1				376	192	568	32	618	14		
4	3	54				5				21	21	18	11	54	15		
1	1					1				149	24	180	33	224	16		
10						1				95	7	95	5	105	17		
	1	171				2				204	19	223	7	233	18		
2	1					1				88	18	106	12	121	19		
	4	192				3				427	160	587	24	632	20		
	1	52				1				267	64	331	42	400	21		
	1	2				2				57	3	46	106	146	22		
	22	460	237	24	5	10	2441	24	211	2676	79	42	10	2807	23		
		52					65			65	30	18	3	116	24		
2	2	2	2	4	2	2	361	181		542	22	15	2	581	25		
	4	406	158	3	3		890	9	93	992	42	28	5	1067	26		
	1	70		2			241			241	33	11	2	287	27		
8	8	162	25	3	2		561	137		698	40	20	...	758	28		
36	2	74	2368	423	85	5	26	13	9261	203	3932	13396	766	412	89	14663	

## THIRTIETH SESSION

## TREASURER'S REPORT—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

NAME OF CHARGE	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											
	MISSIONS						EDUCATION					
	Board of For- eign Missions			Bd. Home Miss. & Church Exten.			Board of Education			Public Educational Collection		
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Freedmen's Society	Aid	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection	Church	Sunday Schools (Total)
1 Arlington . . . . .	40	9	38	21		25	10	7	7	35	17	8
2 Bradley . . . . .	40					30	2	2		26		
3 Brookings . . . . .	171	281	27	150		27	39		12	190	14	17
4 Bruce . . . . .	49			41				4	6	26	5	
5 Castlewood . . . . .	7		3			2	1	1			1	
6 Clark . . . . .	137	30	42	97		39	20	8	14	30	14	9
7 Chester . . . . .	27			21			4	3	7	27	3	
8 Clear Lake . . . . .	6			6			2		4			
9 Coleman . . . . .	40			30			3	3			5	
10 De Smet . . . . .	10			6			1			6		
11 Doland . . . . .	86		5	56			18	4	3	31	12	2
12 Elkton . . . . .	12			10			2					
13 Florence . . . . .	15			14			3		3		2	2
14 Flandreau . . . . .	80	20	12	70		12	15	10	5	21	7	3
15 Flandreau Circuit . . . . .	6	95		6			4		4			
16 Frankfort . . . . .	11			10			3		3	12		6
17 Garden City . . . . .	71	40	50	60		45	18	9	2	72	7	8
18 Gary . . . . .	38			33			6		2	25	3	
19 Hazel . . . . .	87			76			12	6	4	50	10	
20 Henry . . . . .	80	20	10	73		7	10	5	3	45	8	2
21 Howard . . . . .	50			50			2			10		3
22 Junius . . . . .	31	20	2	27		1	5	2	5	13	4	
23 Lake Preston . . . . .	45			36			7			28	4	
24 Madison . . . . .	116	60	10	100		10	18	7	10	90	13	2
25 Oldham . . . . .			2		2							
26 Trenton . . . . .	6			6				10			2	
27 Watertown . . . . .	295		200	200		249	56	28	10	253		45
28 White . . . . .	96		5	78		5	15	7	3	44	11	1
Totals . . . . .	1650	575	406	1277	2	452	283	116	109	1034	142	108

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DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES—Continued										OTHER BENEVOLENCES			OTHER ITEMS			GRAND TOTAL	List No.																			
Conference Claimants		Board of Conference Claimants (Chicago)		Annual Conference Investments		Church Temperance Society		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		Woman's Home Missionary Society		American Bible Society		City Missionary or Church Ext. Society		Central Office Exp.		Epworth League		Methodist Brotherhood Dues		Total Disciplinary Benevolences		Brookings Deaconess Hospital		Other Benevolences		Total Benevolences		Support of Conference Claimants		Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)		General Conference Expenses		
3	171	37	.....	4	1	15	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	426	37	16	479	33	20	537	1	5	5	5	5	5		
1	439	218	.....	15	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	112	189	146	1945	24	14	152	2	2	2	2	2	2		
1	40	.....	.....	180	.....	.....	.....	15	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	1610	27	43	250	20	12	10	2	2	2	2	2	2		
14	283	.....	.....	745	.....	.....	.....	95	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	18	32	791	36	21	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	7		
1	.....	1	1	85	.....	.....	.....	18	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	47	12	45	175	21	13	10	7	7	7	7	7	7	
1	1	1	1	26	.....	.....	.....	26	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	50	20	13	20	13	13	13	13	13	13	13			
2	2	2	2	238	.....	.....	.....	65	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	407	33	19	33	19	19	19	19	19	19	19			
5	1	1	1	45	.....	.....	.....	45	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	26	122	12	7	12	7	7	7	7	7	7	7		
2	2	2	2	417	.....	.....	.....	417	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	121	601	36	21	36	21	21	21	21	21	21	21		
1	1	1	1	123	.....	.....	.....	123	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	123	4	2	30	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17		
3	3	3	3	66	.....	.....	.....	66	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	99	30	17	30	17	17	17	17	17	17	17			
3	65	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	458	8	165	631	36	21	16	5	5	5	5	5			
2	84	72	15	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	5	115	30	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16			
2	114	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	422	58	98	578	30	17	17	5	5	5	5				
1	5	2	15	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	387	8	22	417	30	17	17	5	5	5	5				
3	6	11	30	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	238	24	145	407	33	19	19	12	12	12	12				
1	1	1	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	115	14	50	179	30	17	17	17	17	17	17				
3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	118	.....	.....	118	22	13	2	2	2	2	2	2			
2	244	144	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	123	19	18	870	30	17	17	6	6	6	6				
1	50	.....	10	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	75	8	190	2013	54	31	31	18	18	18	18				
10	438	.....	10	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	1815	5	548	28	15	5	5	5	5	5	5				
2	204	.....	.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	476	67	548	23	15	5	5	5	5	5	5				
7	65	2305	485	73	96	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	9202	688	1246	11136	711	398	97	12342	1	2	2				

## TREASURER'S REPORT—RECAPITULATION

List No.	Names of Districts	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES								Board of Sunday Schools	
		MISSIONS		EDUCATION							
		Board of Foreign Missions	Board of Home Missions and Church Extension	Freedmen's Aid Society	Board of Education	Public Educational Collection	Children's Fund	Conf. Educational Collection			
1	Aberdeen . . . . .	1914	1804	1324	231	72	154	732	200		
		1913	1766	1146	223	77	107	717	176		
	+ or —		38	178	8	—5	47	15	24		
2	Huron . . . . .	1914	1673	1303	201	97	92	759	160		
		1913	1963	1359	211	137	127	906	155		
	+ or —		290	—46	—10	—40	—35	—147	5		
3	Mitchell . . . . .	1914	1040	710	133	96	99	1293	89		
		1913	1386	978	163	105	67	1729	105		
	+ or —		346	—268	—30	—9	32	—436	—16		
4	Rapid City . . . . .	1914	316	269	59	23	21	84	30		
		1913	449	475	62	9	52	30	48		
	+ or —		—133	—206	—3	14	—31	54	—18		
5	Sioux Falls . . . . .	1914	2563	1792	264	127	134	1146	201		
		1913	1607	1789	270	133	130	1495	230		
	+ or —		956	3	—6	—6	4	—249	—29		
6	Watertown . . . . .	1914	2631	1731	283	116	109	1034	250		
		1913	2735	1986	299	213	175	1135	283		
	+ or —		—104	—245	—16	—97	—66	—101	—23		
	Summary . . . . .	1914	10027	7129	1171	534	609	5048	930		
		1913	9906	7733	1228	674	658	6012	997		
			121	—604	—47	—40	—49	—964	—67		

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## STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—ABERDEEN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS					
			Total Cl'm In.				Support of Pastor				Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments
			Total House Rent	Total P'd Inc.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
			House Rent	House Rent	Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1	Aberdeen . . . . .	O. W. Taylor . . . . .	2400	2400	400	...	200	200	35	35	60	60	2695	...	1	24	524			
2	Andover . . . . .	F. E. Morrison . . . . .	1200	1200	200	...	100	100	18	18	30	30	1348	...	1	11	147			
3	Ashton . . . . .	J. E. McKinney . . . . .	880	955	180	*75	70	70	13	13	21	21	1059	*75	1	13	156			
4	Bath and Putney . . . . .	I. W. Ellis . . . . .	1050	1050	200	...	85	85	15	15	26	26	1176	...	2	21	140			
5	Big Stone City . . . . .	Duane Rifenbark . . . . .	1020	1020	120	...	90	90	15	15	27	27	1152	...	1	14	130			
6	Bowdle . . . . .	J. W. Bowler . . . . .	750	750	150	...	60	60	11	11	18	18	839	...	1	12	68			
7	Bristol . . . . .	John H. Ebert . . . . .	1100	1100	150	...	80	80	14	14	24	24	1218	...	3	16	96			
8	Britton . . . . .	A. C. MacLean . . . . .	1400	1450	200	*50	120	125	21	21	36	36	1632	*55	3	26	238			
9	Cheney . . . . .	J. F. Franklin . . . . .	1100	1100	150	...	95	95	10	10	28	28	1233	...	2	22	118			
10	Claremont . . . . .	J. S. Ellis . . . . .	1200	1200	200	...	100	100	18	18	30	30	1348	...	2	18	142			
11	Conde . . . . .	E. Redmayne . . . . .	1100	1100	150	...	95	95	16	16	28	28	1239	...	1	13	100			
12	Corona . . . . .	Thos. Ratcliffe . . . . .	650	739	150	*89	50	50	9	9	15	15	813	*89	2	23	126			
13	Cresbard . . . . .	F. L. Bromaghim . . . . .	750	750	150	...	60	60	8	8	18	18	836	...	2	17	121			
14	De Voe . . . . .	A. M. Lott . . . . .	1200	1200	200	...	100	100	17	16	30	28	1344	3	2	17	165			
15	Frederick . . . . .	S. E. Brown . . . . .	1200	1200	200	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1347	...	1	18	200			
16	Groton . . . . .	F. B. Dunn . . . . .	1050	1050	150	...	90	90	16	16	27	27	1183	...	2	17	132			
17	Hecla . . . . .	M. T. Habgood . . . . .	925	925	150	...	77	77	14	14	24	24	1040	...	2	16	188			
18	Langford . . . . .	Geo. Carter . . . . .	600	600	...	...	60	60	10	10	18	18	688	...	2	19	97			
19	Leola . . . . .	F. C. Page . . . . .	1100	1100	200	...	90	90	15	15	27	27	1232	...	1	13	120			
20	Mellette . . . . .	J. M. Tibbets . . . . .	1800	1800	300	...	150	150	27	27	45	45	2022	...	1	16	200			
21	Milbank . . . . .	L. F. Brown . . . . .	820	820	120	...	70	70	9	9	20	20	919	...	2	21	129			
22	Northville . . . . .	Ernest Holgate . . . . .	1800	1800	300	...	150	150	26	26	45	45	2021	...	1	24	250			
23	Redfield . . . . .	J. A. Willey . . . . .	700	700	100	...	60	60	6	6	18	19	785	*1	1	16	150			
24	Selby . . . . .	Ralph C. Shearer . . . . .	1200	1250	200	*50	100	105	18	18	30	32	1405	*57	2	29	286			
25	Sisseton . . . . .	R. E. Rich . . . . .	410	410	...	...	...	...	7	7	13	13	430	...	1	8	68			
26	Timber Lake . . . . .	E. E. Holmes . . . . .	1000	1000	...	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1147	...	3	27	242			
27	Waubay and Summit . . . . .	J. M. Hunter . . . . .	1200	1200	200	...	100	100	18	18	30	30	1348	...	2	21	170			
28	Webster . . . . .	L. D. Harris . . . . .	496	496	96	...	40	40	16	6	12	6	548	16	1	7	46			
29	Westport . . . . .	Thomas Davies . . . . .	1150	1150	150	...	100	100	18	18	30	30	1298	...	2	20	160			
	Total . . . . .		31251	31515	4766	*264	2592	2602	454	443	790	785	35345	19	48	519	4909			
	* Excess . . . . .													*276						

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BAPTISMS		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY						GEN. CONF. EXPENSES												
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Probationers		Full Members		Senior Members		Junior Members		Estimated Value		Estimated Value		Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages		Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.		Appportioned for the Quadrennium		Paid this Year		Balance due for the Quadrennium		List No.
	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Enrolled	During Year	Now on Roll	Members	Deaths During	Local Preach's	Deaths During	Year	Churches	Parsonages	Churches	Parsonages	2200	2400	51	15	12	5	4	3	4	10	5	8	4	1	
12	11	31	6	6	657	40	1	2	100	1	80000	1	2500	1	2000	169	.....	2200	2400	51	15	12	5	4	3	4	1	
8	8	6	6	6	111	5	5	1	27	2	2500	1	2500	1	2000	.....	200	220	40	85	16	16	4	4	3	2		
4	4	14	6	6	65	5	5	2	.....	1	5000	1	3000	1	3000	.....	220	220	520	110	42	42	4	4	3	2		
1	1	4	4	4	65	5	5	1	20	1	4500	1	1500	1	1500	520	.....	200	220	40	110	50	60	50	50	50		
3	1	4	4	4	95	5	5	2	25	1	2000	1	1800	1	1800	40	.....	400	400	50	50	42	42	4	4	3	2	
4	9	12	12	12	26	11	11	2	33	1	5500	1	1500	1	1500	1800	.....	400	400	50	50	60	60	50	50	50		
7	7	2	2	2	46	4	4	2	25	1	7500	1	2500	1	2500	252	975	.....	975	148	148	20	20	20	20	20	20	
5	1	1	12	1	114	13	13	2	21	25	1	7500	1	2500	1	2500	252	975	.....	975	148	148	20	20	20	20	20	20
2	5	5	5	5	57	2	2	.....	34	2	11500	1	1500	1	1500	21	.....	243	243	170	170	4	4	4	4	4	4	
7	5	5	5	5	92	4	4	.....	1	3500	1	2000	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	54	16	16	4	4	12	12	
5	1	1	1	1	93	6	6	.....	2	4000	1	1500	1	1500	80	.....	80	80	40	40	16	16	4	4	13	13		
5	1	1	1	1	67	.....	.....	31	2	4500	1	2500	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	12	12	8	8	4	4	
1	5	3	2	2	51	3	3	.....	1	1000	1	1000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	15	12	12	8	8	4	4	
5	4	4	4	4	42	3	3	2	16	1	2500	1	2000	1	2000	100	.....	100	100	100	100	15	15	12	12	12	12	
4	4	4	4	4	92	7	1	2	45	1	15000	1	2500	1	2500	65	1175	3000	3000	225	225	15	15	12	12	5	5	
1	1	2	2	2	79	2	2	.....	18	2	4000	1	1600	1	1600	63	.....	63	63	40	40	15	15	12	12	8	8	
4	4	4	4	4	75	9	9	.....	23	1	3000	1	1500	1	1500	40	.....	40	40	90	90	40	40	40	40	40	40	
1	1	3	3	3	64	3	3	.....	1	3000	1	700	1	700	145	.....	145	145	750	750	124	124	124	124	124	124		
4	1	1	1	1	65	3	3	1	1	1	7000	1	3000	1	3000	500	500	500	500	1600	1600	125	125	12	12	4	4	
2	6	6	2	2	170	16	16	1	30	50	1	18000	1	3000	25	3000	25	3000	25	3000	450	450	24	24	8	8	21	21
3	8	3	3	3	102	1	1	1	35	3	10000	1	2000	30	629	2337	2337	2337	2337	150	150	40	40	4	4	22	22	
2	6	6	6	8	172	5	5	3	32	50	1	21000	1	3000	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	3100	500	500	24	24	6	6	23	23
4	5	5	5	4	30	18	18	1	48	44	2	12000	1	1000	100	100	100	100	100	5500	5500	250	250	2	2	24	24	
14	9	5	5	4	155	24	24	1	48	44	2	3500	1	1800	230	230	230	230	230	230	250	250	5	5	25	25		
2	2	9	30	30	31	.....	.....	20	1	400	1	5500	1	100	100	100	100	100	100	60	60	60	60	60	60	26	26	
1	8	5	17	17	82	21	21	1	35	86	2	5500	1	100	100	100	100	100	100	237	237	8	8	27	27			
4	4	17	4	118	6	6	20	1	2800	1	2500	1	250	150	250	250	250	250	250	180	180	12	12	8	8	28	28	
2	2	2	4	77	.....	.....	16	3	1500	1	1000	1	1000	315	315	315	315	315	315	5	5	4	4	29	29			
69	118	20	137	105	2920	215	3	23	620	327	43	251200	26	50200	5945	2529	16450	6101	250	97	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	

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## STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—HURON DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS			
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.			Support of Bishops			Support of Conf. Claim'nts			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	
			Total Cl'm In.	Total P'd Inc.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Ministerial Support				
			Total Cl'm In.	Total P'd Inc.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Ministerial Support				
1	Alpena . . . . .	M. E. Nickerson . . . . .	1200	1200	200	100	100	18	18	33	33	1351	1348	1348	2	20	130	
2	Artesian . . . . .	E. O. Machemer . . . . .	1200	1200	200	100	100	18	20	30	30	758	54	54	2	25	167	
3	Blunt . . . . .	J. E. Williams . . . . .	700	700	120	70	58	15	15	27	27	683	114	114	1	7	65	
4	Broadland . . . . .	Lloyd H. Rising . . . . .	600	600	600	55	55	10	10	18	18	945	14	14	2	11	60	
5	Burdette . . . . .	G. T. Matthews . . . . .	850	850	100	75	75	10	10	24	10	1022	114	114	2	8	80	
6	Carpenter . . . . .	N. P. Johnson . . . . .	1000	900	100	100	90	80	16	15	30	27	1216	114	114	3	17	156
7	Esmond . . . . .	C. E. McDonald . . . . .	1080	1080	180	90	90	16	16	30	30	1022	114	114	2	22	202	
8	Faulkton . . . . .	Chas. E. Wilcox . . . . .	1320	1320	120	120	120	22	22	36	36	1498	114	114	2	29	219	
9	Gettysburg . . . . .	J. B. Smith . . . . .	965	865	165	100	80	75	12	10	24	21	971	110	110	1	12	150
10	Highmore . . . . .	A. E. Hocking . . . . .	1150	1050	150	100	100	90	18	16	30	27	1183	115	115	2	16	170
11	Hitchcock . . . . .	Samuel W. Marble . . . . .	1100	1100	200	90	90	13	13	30	30	1233	115	115	2	16	150	
12	Huron . . . . .	A. E. Buriff . . . . .	2080	2080	480	160	160	35	35	53	53	2328	114	114	1	21	240	
13	Iroquois . . . . .	John Clayton . . . . .	1150	1150	150	100	100	18	18	33	33	1301	114	114	1	18	158	
14	Lane . . . . .	J. L. Walsh . . . . .	1180	1180	180	100	100	18	18	34	34	1332	114	114	2	22	210	
15	Miller . . . . .	J. H. Kearton . . . . .	1660	1660	360	130	130	23	23	39	39	1852	114	114	3	30	230	
16	Oneida . . . . .	Geo. H. Quayle . . . . .	530	530	95	43	43	7	7	13	13	593	114	114	1	1	1	
17	Pearl Creek . . . . .	Cecil H. Bacon . . . . .	800	760	40	80	64	14	10	24	14	862	56	56	3	18	100	
18	Pierre . . . . .	W. A. Wilkinson . . . . .	1850	1850	500	135	135	25	25	40	40	2050	114	114	1	18	225	
19	Rockham . . . . .	Evan F. Lovett . . . . .	950	950	150	80	80	16	16	27	27	1073	114	114	2	12	132	
20	Roswell . . . . .	S. F. Spitz . . . . .	1150	1150	150	100	100	85	18	33	33	1186	115	115	2	18	181	
21	Seneca . . . . .	Harry Lee . . . . .	660	660	120	54	54	6	6	18	18	738	114	114	1	8	135	
22	St. Lawrence . . . . .	H. D. Seastrand . . . . .	920	920	120	80	80	15	15	27	27	1042	114	114	2	13	130	
23	Tulare . . . . .	J. D. Stevens . . . . .	950	950	150	85	85	15	15	26	26	1076	114	114	1	13	126	
24	Virgil . . . . .	Lloyd H. Rising . . . . .	400	400	40	40	40	7	7	12	12	459	114	114	1	9	70	
25	Wessington . . . . .	B. F. Stiles . . . . .	950	822	150	128	80	78	14	12	26	22	934	136	136	1	13	100
26	Wessington Springs . . . . .	I. M. Hargett . . . . .	1900	1900	300	160	160	30	30	53	53	2143	114	114	1	25	396	
27	Woonsocket . . . . .	Paul Gardner . . . . .	1400	1400	200	120	120	22	22	40	40	1582	114	114	1	19	250	
	Total . . . . .		29695	29127	4590	568	2517	2447	451	427	810	758	32759	714	44	440	4232	

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS				
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.			Support of Bishops			Support of Conf. Claim'nts			Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments		
			Total Cl'm In.	Total P'd Inc.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support					
			Total Cl'm In.	Total P'd Inc.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers		
1	Alexandria . . . . .	P. O. Bunt . . . . .	1700	1700	250	145	145	25	25	43	43	1913	1913	1913	1913	2	21	311	
2	Armour . . . . .	M. L. Sunderlin . . . . .	1080	1080	180	90	90	16	16	27	27	1213	1213	1213	1213	1	11	111	
3	Bridgewater . . . . .	C. D. Biggar . . . . .	250	250	.....	25	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	277	277	277	277	1	10	63	
4	Chamberlain . . . . .	W. E. Gale . . . . .	1250	1196	250	54	100	96	17	17	30	10	1317	1317	1317	1317	1	12	95
5	Colome . . . . .	Karel R. Mansvelt . . . . .	855	855	180	67	67	11	11	20	20	953	953	953	953	2	18	250	
6	Dallas . . . . .	J. W. Lucas . . . . .	630	630	100	53	53	5	5	15	15	703	703	703	703	1	14	96	
7	Draper and Vivian . . . . .	W. L. Kidder . . . . .	600	600	100	50	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	754	754	754	754	3	5	50	
8	Dudley . . . . .	S. E. Surface . . . . .	120	120	.....	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	30	
9	Ethan . . . . .	Geo. W. Egner . . . . .	1144	1144	144	100	100	17	17	30	30	1291	1291	1291	1291	2	14	120	
10	Fairfax & St. Charles . . . . .	J. H. James . . . . .	568	534	100	34	50	44	8	4	15	8	590	590	590	590	3	25	110
11	Farmer . . . . .	W. C. Leake . . . . .	600	400	.....	200	60	60	10	.....	18	.....	460	460	460	460	1	10	65
12	Fulton . . . . .	Frank Frizelle . . . . .	600	600	120	48	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	648	648	648	648	3	16	180	
13	Geddes . . . . .	E. E. Prescott . . . . .	1200	.....	200	.....	100	75	17	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	21	176	
14	Gregory . . . . .	Robt. J. Aitcheson . . . . .	844	844	144	70	54	15	.....	21	.....	901	901	901	901	3	20	170	
15	Iona and Hamill . . . . .	Samuel C. Olds . . . . .	400	.....	.....	25	.....	4	.....	4	.....	433	433	433	433	1	6	30	
16	Kennebec and Presho . . . . .	C. E. Hager . . . . .	750	750	150	55	55	.....	2	.....	5	809	809	809	809	2	13	120	
17	Kimball & Pukwana . . . . .	Geo. H. Book . . . . .	1390	1005	240	345	115	55	11	5	22	10	825	825	825	825	2	12	122
18	Lakeview . . . . .	D. G. Evans . . . . .	502	427	75	50	50	8	5	15	6	488	488	488	488	5	41	209	
19	Letcher . . . . .	W. J. McClarion . . . . .	796	796	96	70	70	12	9	21	16	891	891	891	891	1	8	38	
20	Mitchell . . . . .	J. S. Hoagland, C. B. Harrold . . . . .	4600	4600	800	250	250	30	30	100	100	4980	4980	4980	4980	1	60	1500	
21	Mount Vernon . . . . .	W. T. Ferguson . . . . .	1340	1340	240	110	110	19	17	33	25	1492	1492	1492	1492	1	16	221	
22	Murdo . . . . .	H. W. Bunton . . . . .	900	900	100	80	80	.....	1	.....	2	983	983	983	983	2	25	150	
23	Okaton and Interior . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
24	Plankinton . . . . .	O. M. Hyde . . . . .	1200	1200	200	100	100	17	17	30	30	1347	1347	1347	1347	1	17	200	
25	Platte and Dunlap . . . . .	T. H. Trevithick . . . . .	1400	1400	200	120	120	20	20	36	36	1576	1576	1576	1576	2	19	160	
26	Springfield . . . . .	W. N. Potter . . . . .	800	750	50	65	65	60	10	10	16	16	836	836	836	836	2	16	70
27	Tripp and Delmont . . . . .	W. O. Redfield . . . . .	1300	1300	250	105	105	18	18	36	36	1459	1459	1459	1459	3	21	250	
28	Tyndall . . . . .	S. H. Shurtleff . . . . .	1160	1160	260	90	90	16	9	27	27	1286	1286	1286	1286	1	14	80	
29	Wagner . . . . .	E. T. Underwood . . . . .	1150	855	150	295	90	65	12	12	21	24	956	956	956	956	3	27	125
30	White Lake . . . . .	R. B. Hughes . . . . .	1125	974	240	151	88	82	15	15	18	18	1089	1089	1089	1089	2	22	240
31	Winner . . . . .	G. W. Prather . . . . .	744	744	144	60	55	10	.....	.....	.....	799	799	799	799	1	12	170	
	Total . . . . .		30598	28554	4913	1131	2416	2293	329	265	624	510	31622	1523	56	531	5512		

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Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Probationers	Full Members			Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.			
Enrolled	During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's Deaths	During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages	Current Expenses—Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.	
5 1	13 16	.....	15	210	.....	1	45	.....	2	10500	1	2200	3500	121	300	39	.....	26	5	1	
.....	1	1	90	14	.....	18	.....	1	2700	1	2000	96	.....	28	200	15	10	5	3	2	
.....	1	1	11	3	1	23	.....	1	2500	1	2000	75	150	550	50	39	5	4	5	1	
.....	4	.....	64	4	.....	1	.....	1	3500	1	2000	525	700	800	140	50	4	7	5	6	
1 1	2 2	2	57	7	.....	1	.....	1	3700	1	525	700	550	800	950	93	12	4	6	5	
.....	1	.....	55	12	.....	1	.....	1	2500	1	600	125	50	100	15	15	5	7	7	7	
.....	1	.....	26	8	.....	1	.....	3	3000	2	1200	100	100	100	15	15	5	8	9	9	
.....	10	.....	17	4	.....	1	.....	1	1800	1	1800	50	150	115	50	8	8	8	9	9	
25 1	10 2	32 24	10	93	3	2	35	.....	2	2600	1	1800	800	1160	50	50	10	10	11	10	
.....	5	.....	46	4	.....	1	.....	1	1200	1	1200	25	40	40	60	60	11	12	12	12	
2 4	3 8	6 4	6	53	3	1	75	.....	3	4000	1	1600	7000	3000	410	500	230	21	0	21	
.....	9 9	6 8	8 6	110	15	1	40	.....	1	3500	1	1400	116	156	185	83	15	9	1	14	
10 1	4 4	13 4	13 9	13	25	1	73	.....	2	2000	1	10	177	10	1230	129	129	16	17	17	
.....	4	.....	73	3	.....	1	22	.....	2	6050	1	2700	375	230	1230	600	150	150	16	17	
.....	9	4	9	78	5	1	50	.....	1	5000	1	2000	1042	1042	1042	10	10	1	18	18	
1 1	10 6	6 1	1	41	3	.....	.....	1	450	1	1000	105	105	105	40	24	3	21	19	19	
.....	19	.....	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1600	1	1000	105	105	105	40	24	3	21	19	19	
34 6 1	49 10 6	30 10 19	52 7 .....	40	1180	220	12	9	175	100	1	8300	1	7500	1000	1000	12000	2800	50	20	20
.....	16 5 3	4 13 12	123	3	2	25	50	1	4500	1	2500	115	115	115	120	8	8	24	23	23	
2 4	16 5	4 13	200	9	1	50	.....	2	8500	1	2100	50	50	50	210	30	3	23	25	25	
.....	3	3	56	.....	.....	15	.....	2	5000	1	1500	1450	1450	1450	80	80	.....	26	26	26	
.....	14	13	122	10	.....	52	.....	3	8000	1	3200	175	261	125	200	21	10	8	27	28	
.....	1	.....	68	7	.....	20	.....	1	8000	1	4800	40	40	40	2900	150	18	10	18	28	
8	1	.....	118	13	1	26	24	2	5000	1	1000	205	205	205	450	115	7	29	30	30	
.....	8	19	75	17	.....	25	30	2	6700	1	3000	152	152	152	500	122	18	8	30	31	
.....	11	.....	56	2	.....	25	.....	1	5000	1	1000	30	30	30	2600	30	30	30	30	31	
106	219	75	224	131	3480	420	13	23	696	360	49	207800	26	53925	9719	5583	24305	5411	312	80	178

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1	Bellefourche . . . . .	F. M. Faith . . . . .	780	780	180	42	42	4	4	6	.....	826	2	1	13	50	
2	Boneita Springs . . . . .	J. C. Baker . . . . .	300	137	....	163	21	10	4	9	2	150	184	3	16	90	
3	Buffalo Gap . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
4	Capa . . . . .	C. M. Weirauch . . . . .	500	500	50	35	35	1	1	2	2	538	....	6	30	132	
5	Caputa . . . . .	Julius Edlund . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
6	Custer, Mayo and Pringal . . . . .	E. J. Fish . . . . .	747	747	180	35	35	2	2	17	4	788	13	2	13	60	
7	Deadwood . . . . .	E. E. Saxton . . . . .	1550	1550	350	96	96	22	10	37	4	1660	35	1	12	154	
8	Edgemont . . . . .	P. J. Lawson . . . . .	1096	1096	180	80	58	5	3	10	3	1160	31	1	14	100	
9	Fairburn and Weta . . . . .	R. C. McReynolds . . . . .	200	186	....	14	10	10	....	2	2	198	14	1	7	24	
10	Harding . . . . .	W. J. Stevenson . . . . .	300	160	....	140	21	12	2	2	3	....	174	152	1	8	20
11	Hill City . . . . .	A. G. Campbell . . . . .	400	225	....	175	28	1	2	1	3	229	204	....	....	....	
12	Hot Springs . . . . .	H. L. Case . . . . .	1550	1550	150	96	96	10	10	16	16	1672	....	2	19	135	
13	Lead . . . . .	Albert Hartt . . . . .	1500	1500	300	96	96	21	21	36	36	1653	....	1	17	162	
14	Newell . . . . .	C. G. Wagner . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
15	Nowlin . . . . .	T. J. Gurney . . . . .	220	220	36	20	20	2	2	3	3	245	....	2	7	47	
16	Oelrichs . . . . .	Fred Lonsdale . . . . .	450	450	100	35	21	3	3	6	.....	474	14	1	5	50	
17	Oral . . . . .	Leslie Davis . . . . .	410	280	....	130	28	24	....	....	....	304	4	3	16	136	
18	Phillip . . . . .	J. H. Gillespie . . . . .	360	360	60	20	10	3	3	6	....	370	19	1	9	40	
19	Piedmont . . . . .	W. J. Weston . . . . .	270	222	80	48	20	20	2	2	3	247	48	1	11	43	
20	Plainview . . . . .	J. W. Hartley . . . . .	114	114	....	7	5	....	1	....	2	122	2	2	....	45	
21	Quinn . . . . .	L. C. Baker . . . . .	200	200	....	20	20	....	....	....	....	220	....	1	6	30	
22	Rapid City . . . . .	Homer Minish . . . . .	1500	1500	300	96	96	22	5	37	4	1605	40	1	14	180	
23	Spearfish . . . . .	W. E. Hartung . . . . .	1500	1500	300	96	96	10	10	36	36	1642	....	1	20	210	
24	Sturgis . . . . .	A. H. Beardsley . . . . .	950	950	150	56	56	5	5	10	10	1021	....	3	20	150	
25	Terraville . . . . .	P. H. Weston . . . . .	630	630	120	35	25	6	....	15	....	655	31	2	20	125	
26	Terry . . . . .	S. M. Davis . . . . .	365	325	60	40	....	2	2	7	2	329	45	1	10	60	
27	Wall and Wasta . . . . .	Roy Palmer . . . . .	452	452	112	23	23	....	....	....	....	475	....	1	14	89	
	Total . . . . .		16344	15634	2708	710	1010	907	128	85	264	131	16757	838	39	302	2172

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List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS		
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	
			Total Cl'm In.	House Rent	Total P'd Inc.	Rental	Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid			
1	Alcester . . . . .	P. V. Brethorst . . . . .	750	750	150	...	60	60	6	6	18	18	834	...	2	12	80
2	Beresford . . . . .	J. B. Dibble . . . . .	1400	1400	200	...	120	120	24	24	36	25	1569	11	1	14	135
3	Canistota . . . . .	I. P. Potter . . . . .	1100	1100	200	...	90	90	18	7	29	29	1226	11	2	20	175
4	Canton . . . . .	A. W. Thurston . . . . .	1560	1560	360	...	120	120	21	21	36	36	1737	...	1	20	316
5	Centerville . . . . .	J. R. Krins . . . . .	850	850	100	...	75	75	13	13	22	22	960	...	2	14	130
6	Colton . . . . .	A. A. Bischell . . . . .	975	975	100	...	50	50	15	...	25	...	1025	40	2	18	120
7	Davis and Pioneer . . . . .	T. J. Black . . . . .	1100	1100	100	...	90	45	20	10	20	12	1167	63	2	12	98
8	Dell Rapids . . . . .	A. P. Janes . . . . .	1200	1200	200	...	100	100	10	10	20	20	1330	...	1	17	208
9	Egan . . . . .	A. J. Hoyer . . . . .	1050	1050	150	...	90	90	17	13	27	27	1180	4	1	18	210
10	Elk Point . . . . .	S. B. Lowry . . . . .	1050	1010	150	40	90	22	10	10	20	20	1062	108	2	22	290
11	Garretson . . . . .	Nels Fanebust . . . . .	1300	1300	300	...	90	90	17	17	30	30	1437	...	2	23	208
12	Gayville and Volin . . . . .	H. E. Rice . . . . .	1380	1380	180	...	120	120	21	21	40	40	1561	...	2	22	195
13	Harrisburg . . . . .	O. P. Jackson . . . . .	950	950	100	...	85	85	16	16	28	28	1079	...	3	18	190
14	Hartford . . . . .	C. H. Graf . . . . .	1440	1440	240	...	120	120	15	15	...	32	1607	...	2	35	240
15	Hudson and Fairview . . . . .	C. D. Arms . . . . .	694	630	144	64	6	6	17	17	18	18	665	64	2	14	60
16	Hurley . . . . .	W. S. Rowden . . . . .	1120	1120	100	...	100	100	11	11	33	33	1264	...	2	16	276
17	Irene . . . . .	Latham Ingham . . . . .	800	800	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	805	...	1	7	60
18	Lennox . . . . .	Olin Jackson . . . . .	436	436	136	...	30	30	3	3	7	7	476	...	1	12	120
19	Montrose . . . . .	H. B. Nash . . . . .	578	578	140	...	53	50	5	3	14	12	643	7	2	10	86
20	Parker . . . . .	H. P. Eberhart . . . . .	1400	1400	200	...	120	120	21	21	24	24	1565	...	1	19	244
21	Salem . . . . .	E. E. Hunt . . . . .	1700	1725	300	...	100	70	10	10	30	30	1891	...	1	20	270
22	Scotland . . . . .	John Kaye . . . . .	1180	1180	180	...	100	70	10	10	30	30	1290	30	1	16	160
23	Sioux Falls—First . . . . .	J. W. Potter . . . . .	3000	3000	600	...	240	240	42	42	72	79	3361	...	1	42	965
24	East Side . . . . .	Wm. N. Deller . . . . .	1265	1265	240	...	102	102	18	18	30	30	1415	...	3	34	270
25	Valley Springs . . . . .	G. N. Gage . . . . .	900	904	150	...	75	75	15	15	20	22	1016	...	3	22	173
26	Vermillion . . . . .	J. F. Gibson . . . . .	1640	1640	240	...	140	140	28	28	42	42	1850	...	1	28	328
27	Wakonda . . . . .	L. A. McDonald . . . . .	1325	1325	225	...	110	110	11	11	33	33	1479	...	2	24	174
28	Yankton . . . . .	W. A. Black . . . . .	1600	1600	200	...	140	140	20	20	40	40	1800	...	1	20	350
	Total . . . . .		33743	33668	5405	104	2516	2470	442	411	756	741	37294	338	47	549	6129

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Adults Baptized	BAPTISMS		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY						GEN. CONF. EXPENSES														
	Children Baptized	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Enrolled During Year		Now on Roll		Members on Roll		Non-Resident Members		Local Preach's		Senior Members		Junior Members		Estimated Value		Paid for Bldgs. and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages		Paid on Old Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Appportioned for the Quadrennium						
			Probationers		Full Members		Deaths During Year		Deaths During Year		Deaths During Year		Deaths During Year		Deaths During Year		Churches	Parsonages	Estimated Value		Estimated Value		Current Expenses— Sexton, Fuel, Light, etc.		Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium					
17	1	4	11	7	68	1	1	1	30	25	1	1	30	1	2	1	3000	1	1500	250	1000	300	2700	550	175	12	1	1			
4	18	3	24	3	101	3	1	1	50	52	1	1	50	1	2	1	4500	1	5000	1000	4000	1200	600	75	250	106	15	1	1		
2	6	7	21	10	158	4	1	1	31	32	1	1	31	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	1000	4000	1200	600	50	200	100	8	2	6	1	
5	6	6	6	1	249	15	1	1	14	15	1	1	14	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	1000	4000	1200	600	50	200	100	8	2	6	1	
10	9	9	23	22	77	14	1	1	20	21	1	1	20	1	2	1	4000	1	3000	1200	150	100	150	140	135	120	10	8	2	6	1
2	7	7	22	19	65	8	1	1	42	43	1	1	42	1	2	1	3000	1	3500	2500	40	3500	100	200	100	8	2	3	1	1	
4	4	4	3	62	66	2	2	2	60	61	1	1	60	1	2	1	3500	1	3500	1400	175	120	600	220	10	10	8	2	6	1	
1	8	8	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	7000	1	7000	1650	1650	1650	1650	180	10	10	8	2	6	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3000	2600	1400	100	10	10	5	5	11	1	1	
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	12	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33	30	1	1	33	60	1	1	6500	1	5500	3500	350	400	450	400	225	10	10	5	5	14	1
1	3	3	78	19	62	2	2	2	40	41	1	1	40	1	2	1	5500	1	5000	2000	180	150	150	150	120	10	10	5	5	15	1
3	4	4	140	18	116	12	1	1	70	71	1	1	70	1	2	1	5000	1	5000	2200	100	20	20	60	8	4	4	13	13	1	
30	14	2	62	2	172	20	1	2	33																						

## STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—WATERTOWN DISTRICT

List No.	NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										SUNDAY SCHOOLS				
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments	
			Total Cl'm In.	Total P'd Inc.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1	Arlington . . . . .	R. E. Tarleton . . . . .	1350	1350	250	...	110	110	20	20	33	33	1513	...	1	16	175
2	Bradley . . . . .	E. B. Cooney . . . . .	900	900	100	...	80	80	14	14	24	24	1018	...	2	16	131
3	Brookings . . . . .	R. A. Bruce . . . . .	1700	1700	300	...	140	140	24	24	42	42	1906	...	1	52	450
4	Bruce . . . . .	C. B. Dennison . . . . .	750	750	100	...	65	65	12	12	20	20	847	...	2	19	99
5	Castlewood . . . . .	L. P. Wegenest . . . . .	405	405	120	...	45	45	7	7	22	13	470	...	1	7	50
6	Chester . . . . .	Frank Tanner . . . . .	780	780	180	...	60	60	10	10	18	18	868	...	1	10	85
7	Clark . . . . .	O. W. Butterfield . . . . .	1450	1450	250	...	120	120	21	21	36	36	1627	...	2	29	267
8	Clear Lake . . . . .	John Wood . . . . .	880	880	180	...	70	17	15	7	21	21	925	61	1	10	130
9	Coleman . . . . .	Percy Kinderdine . . . . .	795	795	120	...	68	68	13	13	20	20	896	...	2	22	163
10	De Smet . . . . .	John Oakley . . . . .	820	620	120	200	70	65	11	5	21	6	696	226	1	5	60
11	Doland . . . . .	L. W. Darling . . . . .	1400	1400	300	...	110	110	19	19	33	33	1562	...	2	36	335
12	Elkton . . . . .	A. L. Wilson . . . . .	865	865	130	...	80	80	14	7	24	12	964	19	1	10	90
13	Flandreau . . . . .	Thos. B. Wilbur . . . . .	1450	1450	250	...	120	120	14	14	36	36	1620	...	1	14	200
14	Flandreau Circuit . . . . .	D. C. Arms . . . . .	125	85	40	...	12	12	2	2	3	4	103	39	1	7	48
15	Florence . . . . .	D. G. Radcliffe . . . . .	625	625	...	63	66	10	5	20	18	714	5	1	7	30	
16	Frankfort . . . . .	C. C. Boslaugh . . . . .	1150	1150	150	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1297	...	2	15	155
17	Garden City . . . . .	R. G. Minkler . . . . .	1350	1350	150	...	120	120	21	21	36	36	1527	...	1	25	206
18	Gary . . . . .	Fred Rawlinson . . . . .	1200	1200	250	...	95	95	16	16	30	30	1341	...	3	19	251
19	Hazel—Thomas . . . . .	B. W. McEldowney . . . . .	1180	1180	180	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1327	...	2	20	242
20	Henry . . . . .	Fred H. Ray . . . . .	1254	1254	200	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1401	...	2	21	181
21	Howard . . . . .	A. S. Loveall . . . . .	1300	1300	300	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1447	...	1	15	115
22	Junius . . . . .	C. W. Langdon . . . . .	870	870	120	...	75	75	13	13	22	22	980	...	1	6	51
23	Lake Preston . . . . .	Eralza Bennett . . . . .	1180	1180	180	...	100	100	17	17	30	30	1327	...	1	14	164
24	Madison . . . . .	G. D. Brown . . . . .	1640	1640	240	...	140	140	25	25	46	46	1851	...	1	25	305
25	Oldham . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	...	1	7	60	
26	Trenton . . . . .	R. A. Bruce . . . . .	300	300	...	30	30	5	5	9	9	349	...	...	...	...	
27	Watertown . . . . .	F. F. Lewis . . . . .	2200	2200	400	...	180	180	31	31	54	54	2465	...	1	34	500
28	White . . . . .	H. G. Ozanne . . . . .	1030	1030	180	...	85	85	15	15	28	28	1158	...	1	19	165
	Total . . . . .		28949	28709	4750	240	2488	2433	417	391	748	711	32244	350	37	480	4710

## DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1914

Adults Baptized	BAPTISMS			CHURCH MEMBERSHIP						EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY						GEN. CONF. EXPENSES								
	Children Baptized		Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Enrolled During Year		Now on Roll		Members on Roll		Full Members		Senior Members		Junior Members		Estimated Value		Estimated Value		Paid for Buildings and Imp's. on Churches and Parsonages		Present Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages		Appportioned for the Quadrennium		
							Non-Resident Members	Local Preach's Deaths During Year																		
2	4	4		5	2	111	18	4	34	25	1	2	1	1	3500	1	5000	640	350	129	211	15	5	1	1	
7	6	6		21	6	93	...	1	...	...	1	2	1	1	4000	1	1200	100	...	...	700	40	2	...	10	
20	6	6		43	32	414	...	3	74	...	1	1	1	1	40000	1	6000	12500	148	...	...	108	3	2	...	10
6	1	1		12	3	53	2	1	...	15	15	2	1	1	4000	1	1500	1500	...	...	200	97	3	2	...	
1	2	2		...	...	32	2	1	...	...	...	1	1	1	2500	1	2000	158	361	...	...	93	3	2	...	10
1	12	3		4	4	54	...	...	14	15	1	1	1	1	2000	1	2700	1500	...	...	800	350	28	7	...	
2	3	3		5	15	187	...	1	38	...	10	2	2	1	12500	1	2000	300	...	...	125	121	6	2	...	
3	3	3		2	2	36	10	1	...	10	32	1	2	1	3000	1	2000	260	...	...	...	123	6	1	...	
1	2	2		4	1	87	2	1	1	30	...	1	2	1	5000	1	2000	260	...	...	...	123	6	1	10	
2	5	5		50	1	50	...	1	1	4	...	1	1	1	3000	1	1000	...	...	...	...	123	6	1	10	
14	2	11	44	14	14	184	7	1	46	85	2	2	2	2	7000	1	4000	420	...	...	250	15	2	2	11	
9	8	8		3	57	57	...	1	...	1	...	2	2	2	4700	1	1200	490	...	...	560	60	6	...	12	
11	15	10	46	8	226	4	...	3	45	25	1	1	1	1	5000	1	2500	290	...	...	355	15	5	...	13	
1	1	1		38	1	28	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	1000	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	...		
1	13	13		15	47	47	...	1	...	...	1	2	2	2	4000	...	...	75	132	135	75	6	2	...		
1	1	1		2	2	72	3	1	30	...	1	1	1	1	2500	1	2500	150	150	90	150	6	2	...		
18	25	25		1	1	139	29	1	25	...	1	1	1	1	7500	1	2000	336	...	...	169	15	5	...	17	
1	1	1		2	5	143	46	...	24	...	3	3	2	2	6500	1	2000	...	100	212	175	15	5	...	18	
3	3	3		5	123	25	1	1	54	...	2	2	2	2	4500	1	2000	325	229	160	125	15	5	...		
1	8	8		1	...	94	4	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	5500	1	2000	735	150	250	160	15	5	...		
11	11	11		31	19	1	1	11	...	1	...	1	1	1	4000	1	3500	275	600	500	175	18	...	21		
8	6	6		35	11	105	12	1	19	...	1	1	1	1	2000	1	1200	...	...	...	...	6	2	...		
4	4	20	1	35	335	10	...	45	60	1	1	1	1	1	30000	1	2500	2000	...	...	1012	24	6	7	24	
6	5	5		22	...	19	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	4200	...	...	4200	...	...	...	...	...	25		
40	73	80	60	554	19	2	51	150	...	1	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1800	70	...	...	54	18	...	27		
11	11	3	11	117	78	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	3000	1	1800	70	...	...	15	5	5	28		
131	132	167	328	242	3541	295	6	28	599	407	37	177900	24	58100	25438	2848	4841	4630	337	97	89					

## THIRTIETH SESSION

## STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—RECAPITULATION

List No.	NAME OF DISTRICT	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												SUNDAY SCHOOLS			
			Support of Pastor			Support of Dist. Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conf. Claim'nts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Departments		
			Total Cl'm In. House Rent	Total P'd Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
			Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Deficiency	Total Deficiency	Total Deficiency	Total Deficiency		
1	Aberdeen .....	Jas. S. Harkness																
	1913 .....		31018	30717	4373	570	2502	2458	427	421	776	757	34353	465	46	492	4681	
	1914 .....		31251	31515	4766	*264	2592	2602	454	443	790	785	35345	*276	46	519	4909	
			233	788	393	-306	90	144	27	22	14	28	992	-189	0	27	218	
2	Huron .....	G. T. Notson																
	1913 .....		30250	29914	4465	706	2609	2508	446	338	798	700	33510	954	49	484	4534	
	1914 .....		29695	29127	4590	568	2517	2447	451	427	810	758	32759	714	44	440	4232	
			555	-787	125	-138	-92	-61	5	89	12	58	-751	-240	-5	-44	-302	
3	Mitchell .....	W. S. Shepherd																
	1913 .....		30774	30551	4614	278	2505	2376	362	268	749	538	33708	724	53	543	5382	
	1914 .....		30598	28554	4913	1131	2416	2293	329	265	624	510	31622	1523	56	531	5512	
			-176	-1997	299	853	-89	-83	-33	-3	-125	-28	-2086	799	3	-12	130	
4	Rapid City .....	C. E. Matteson																
	1913 .....		17199	16523	2754	1429	1120	841	28	67	29	59	17983	1726	47	386	3005	
	1914 .....		16344	15634	2708	710	1010	907	128	85	264	131	16757	838	39	302	2172	
			-855	-889	-46	-719	-110	66	100	18	235	72	-1226	-888	-8	-84	-833	
5	Sioux Falls .....	G. W. Rosenberry																
	1913 .....		31249	30957	4839	30	2563	2560	446	418	731	656	34511	151	42	508	6108	
	1914 .....		33743	33668	5405	104	2516	2470	442	445	756	741	37294	338	47	549	6129	
			2494	2711	566	74	-47	-90	-4	27	25	85	2783	187	5	41	21	
6	Watertown .....	O. E. Boyce																
	1913 .....		27481	27204	4452	277	2290	2291	415	396	679	663	30553	318	40	495	4754	
	1914 .....		28949	28709	4750	240	2488	2433	417	391	748	711	32244	350	37	480	4710	
			1468	1505	298	-37	198	142	2	-5	69	48	1691	32	-3	-15	-44	
	Increase or decrease for whole Conference, 1914.....			2609	2341	1635	-273	-50	118	97	148	232	263	1503	-309	-8	-87	-810

## **DAKOTA CONFERENCE FOR 1914**

BAPTISMS		CHURCH MEMBERSHIP				EPWORTH LEAGUE		CHURCH PROPERTY				GEN. CONF. EXPENSES					
Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Probationers		Full Members													
	Bap'd Child'n under Instruction as Prob.	Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non-Resident Members	Local Reach's	Deaths During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Estimated Value	Apportioned for the Quadrennium	Paid this Year	Balance due for the Quadrennium	List No.	
84	141	53	184	142	2776	191	380	15	656	310	40	235100	26	51800	7045	105	147
69	118	20	137	105	2920	215	380	23	620	327	43	251200	26	50200	5945	97	85
-15	-23	-33	-47	-37	144	24	-5	8	-36	17	3	16100	0	-1600	-1100	-6616	-62
58	116	46	209	158	3035	138	10	33	773	228	41	227700	26	64500	7581	12747	.....
108	101	87	250	96	3118	211	4	23	571	136	41	265675	25	63200	18001	16450	112
50	-15	41	49	-62	83	73	-6	-10	-102	-92	0	37975	-1	-1300	10420	3341	736
69	138	77	181	103	3482	361	19	26	674	199	42	197850	25	56157	10049	5464	363
106	219	75	224	131	3480	420	13	23	696	360	49	207800	26	53925	9719	5583	178
37	81	-2	43	28	-2	59	-6	-3	22	161	7	9950	1	-2232	-330	119	-185
53	122	53	141	138	1863	269	17	26	455	212	45	107750	18	27600	3994	2843	5
105	50	17	184	69	1669	229	12	10	349	49	34	87350	15	26700	2371	1189	36
52	-72	-36	43	-69	-194	-40	-5	-16	-106	-163	-11	-20400	-3	-900	-1623	-1654	-36
158	184	101	311	339	3802	277	13	32	1059	245	40	156900	27	57250	5398	2243	20
159	124	36	237	111	4086	305	17	35	837	197	40	232800	27	63750	51198	1765	50
1	-60	-65	-74	-228	284	28	4	3	-222	-48	0	75900	0	6500	45800	-478	30
114	221	149	426	222	3574	359	8	33	648	380	36	164000	22	55800	4308	2530	215
131	132	167	328	242	3541	295	6	28	599	407	37	177900	24	58100	25438	2848	89
17	-89	18	-98	20	-33	-64	-2	-5	-149	27	1	13900	2	2300	21130	318	-11
142	-178	-77	-84	-348	282	80	-20	-23	-573	2	0	113375	-1	2768	113375	-4970	-126

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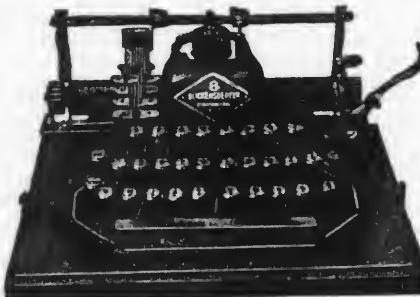
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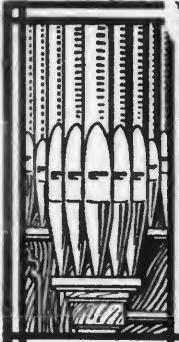
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